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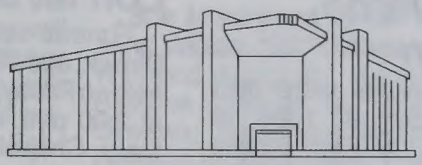

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Ova Monroe Weaver

Ova Monroe Weaver, age 85, of Lake Isabella, passed away on January 27, 1995. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include five children, 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Private cremation under the direction of Neptune Society of Bakersfield.

Dorothy Mae Kirkwood

Dorothy Mae Kirkwood of Woody, California, passed away January 22, 1995, in Kern Medical Center after a brief illness. She was 79 years of age. She was born June 22, 1915 in Los Angeles, California, to Vernon and Betty Robinson, who homesteaded in the Bodfish area in the mid-1930's to 1981.

She is survived by her aunt Marie Bixler of Bodfish; cousins Ann Jones of Woody, Stella Abercombie of Bodfish, Nevada Hand of Bakersfield, Hurley Robinson of Upland, California; and close friends Tom and Kim Chapman of Ridgecrest and Barbara Burk of Woody. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Kirkwood in 1983.

Dorothy retired as a telephone operator from the Long Beach School District in 1971. She and her husband Bill then moved to Bodfish on 20 acres of land they purchased in 1943 to be near her mother, where they remained until 1982.

During the 1970's, Dorothy was responsible for starting the original chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Kern Valley, and was very active in that organization.

A private memorial service with family and friends was held in Woody on Saturday, February 4, 1995.

Ellsa LaVerne Ferguson

Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Ellsa LaVerne Ferguson of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor David Snow. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Ellsa was born November 1, 1911 in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and passed away January 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of Bodfish for the past 24 years.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Roger and Linda Ferguson of Lake Forest, California; daughter Eleanor Ivie of Barstow, California; 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Ada Myers of Bodfish; Leona Kudlemyer of Oregon; Elizabeth Wright of Oregon; Artie Harris of Oklahoma; Sophie Ducan of Kansas; sister-in-law Dovie Nail of Oklahoma; and brother Velber Ducan, also of Oklahoma. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lon M. Dimick

Funeral services for Lon M. Dimick, age 45, of Kernville were held on Friday, February 3, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A 3-year area resident, Lon was born April 14, 1949 in Santa Monica, California. He was a self-employed carpenter. Lon attended Kernville United Methodist Church and enjoyed fishing. He was an accomplished guitar player who enjoyed strumming, blues and bluegrass. He had played at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

Survivors include his mother Mary Stokes of Ridgecrest; brother Wayne Dimick of Ridgecrest; sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Kenneth Richards of Kernville; step-sister Jamie Sorrels; his grandmother Lenora Stokes of Ridgecrest; nephews Kurtis Young and Joshua Dimick; and a niece Jessica Dimick.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Lorraine "Lori" Rita Hebestreit

Memorial services for "Lori" are being held this morning, Wednesday, February 8, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Ewings on the Kern. Pastor Deryl Lackey will officiate. Lori was born October 25, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, and left this life after a short but gallant battle with cancer on February 1, 1995.

Lori graduated from Madonna High School, an all-girls Catholic school in Aurora, Illinois in 1944. That was also the year Lori met William "Bill" Hebestreit, her husband of 47 years. They were both seniors at the time, but attending different schools, and by chance met while roller skating at the local skating rink. Four years later on June 26, 1948, Lori and Bill became "Man and Wife" and the next 47 years became history. Together they raised five children and enjoyed eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Lori was an extremely active lady in our valley. She was a real estate broker by career, served as the Kern Valley Women's Club President 1989-1990 year, served as a board member and treasurer for the local clinic (Clinica Sierra Vista), was an avid bridge player, and was active in volunteer work. Lori had a great love for creative writing, especially poetry and recently was the recipient of first place honors from the California Federation of Women's Clubs for her poem "Seasons of My Life."

She is survived by her husband William "Bill" Hebestreit of Wofford Heights; daughter Blanche Jimenez of Ashland, Oregon; daughter Margaret Pettinari of Bakersfield, California; daughter Roberta Olivera of Nuevo, California; daughter Jennifer Miller of Bakersfield, California; son Charles Hebestreit of Flagstaff, Arizona; Lori's sister Patricia Jaques of Homewood, Illinois; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Kern Hospice or the cancer society of your choice in Lori's name.

SEASONS OF MY LIFE

What happened to the
springtime?
It was here just yesterday.
Did I really spend those
precious hours
Just whiling the time away?

I remember summer.
It came and then it went.
Now I can't relive those days
Not always wisely spent.

Now that it's fall
How wise I've suddenly
become,
No time to waste or hesitate
For soon I'm going home.

Will winter find me wanting
For just one more day,
To do the things I meant to do,
Say the things I meant to say?

Thank you, Lord, for all
those days
I have beyond this date.
I'll try to use them wisely
Before it really is too late.

Lori Hebestreit

Lori touched many lives and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing such a fine and gracious lady.

Klida Berneice Wood

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Wood was born January 16, 1924 in Colcord, Oklahoma, and passed away February 1, 1995, in Weldon, California. She has been a resident of Weldon for 23 years.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years Charlie Wood; son Ron Wood of Puyuallap, Washington; daughter Charlotte Bullard of Ridgecrest, California; four sisters, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paul Lawrence Bayne

In loving memory of Paul Lawrence Bayne, a former resident of Wofford Heights, a memorial mass was offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 124 Columbus Street, Bakersfield, on Saturday, February 11, 1995. He passed away on February 7, 1995.

Paul was born September 11, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Paul and Lillian Bayne. The family moved to Bakersfield in 1947, where Paul attended eighth grade. His high school years were spent at the Mont La Salle Novitate in Napa, as God had called him into service as a Christian Brother. He subsequently graduated from Saint Mary's College and earned a Master's Degree from Loyola University.

He remained a Christian Brother until 1971 when he returned to Bakersfield and taught for one year at Garces High School. This was followed by a 20-year teaching career at Camp Owen in Kernville. He was named to the 1992 "Hall of Fame" by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce as "Outstanding Teacher."

While residing in Wofford Heights, he was a member of St. Jude's Church, where he served as a eucharistic minister and lector. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and was also a long-time member of the Kernville Lions Club, serving as its president in 1978/79. Paul also enjoyed his membership at the Kern Valley Golf Club for many years. In late 1992, due to ill health, he transferred to Bakersfield to be nearer the dialysis treatment center. He continued teaching in Bakersfield until very recently, when his illness forced him to retire.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Darline; step-children Lori Mossi and Randy Stargill; and three step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley, and her husband Chet Lucas of Bakersfield; brother Dennis Bayne and wife Patricia of Anaheim Hills, California; brother Thomas Bayne and wife Mary Anne of Bakersfield; brother Michael Bayne and wife Katherine, also of Bakersfield; as well as by numerous dearly loved nieces and nephews and their children. Paul also will be missed by Rose Cameron, his "special angel" who nursed him during his illness.

Paul was a very special person who was greatly loved as a husband, brother, uncle and friend. His kind and gentle nature, wonderful smile and stimulating conversation will be truly missed, but he will remain always in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Saint Vincent de Paul Society, in care of John Andre, 201 Oregon Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

Jo-Anne Vann Simpson

Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, 1995, at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Jo-Anne Vann Simpson of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Jo-Anne was born February 5, 1938 in Poteau, Oklahoma, and passed away February 7, 1995 at her home in Kernville. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and a volunteer in probation at Camp Owen in the Reading Program.

She is survived by her husband Bruce Simpson of Kernville; daughter Patricia Taylor of Sky Valley, California; son Ron Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona; stepdaughter Cathie Stevens of Kentucky; step-son Danny Simpson of Bakersfield; stepdaughter Elizabeth Francis, also of Bakersfield; step-son Tommy Simpson of Fairfield, California; and Magan and Daniell Taylor grandchildren; mother Gladys Moore of Wofford Heights and father Grady Vann of Altas, Oklahoma; also brother Don Vann of Bakersfield; and sister Jackie Vann of Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice or LOE.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lloyd Austin Williams

Lloyd Austin Williams passed away in Mt. Mesa on February 5, 1995. He was 79 years old. Lloyd was born on December 14, 1915 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

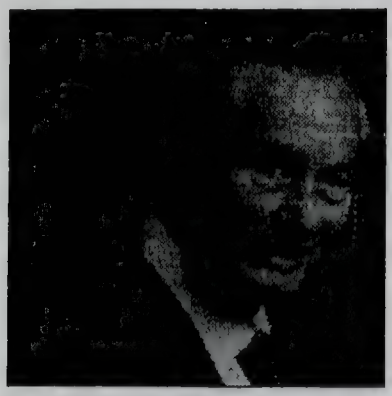
He came to California in 1940 and lived in San Diego, then moved to the Los Angeles and Glendale areas. Before moving to the Weldon area seven years ago he lived for a brief time in California City, California.

Lloyd is survived by his wife of 33 years, Emilie Williams of Weldon; daughter Marguerite Williams of Glendale, California; daughter Claudia Awale of Seattle, Washington. He is also survived by many friends and neighbors who will greatly miss him.

He worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry as well as an engineer in the electronics industry. Finally while living in Glendale, he developed his own business called Fleet Service Company which repaired mobile equipment in the Los Angeles and Glendale areas.

Services were held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, on February 14, where Lloyd was laid to rest in a Columbarium.

Arrangements were enthrusted to the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



James R. Lostetter

Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery for Dick "Grandpa" Lostetter. Dick passed away at his home in Bakersfield. He was 77 years old.

Dick was born March 3, 1917 in Akron, Ohio. This is where he met Peggy, his wife of 52 years. He served in Germany during World War II. After returning home, he opened a market in the San Fernando Valley. In 1959, Dick, Peggy and their son Larry moved to Lake Isabella. Dick and Peggy opened and ran the Mt. Mesa Market for 10 years. After selling the market, he and Peggy operated Lostetter's Mobile Home Sales with the help of their son Larry. Dick's last job, working for the County Probation Department at Camp Owen, was his favorite. He truly enjoyed the boys he dealt with.

He was an original member of the South Fork Property Owners club, a member of the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. He was well known for his outgoing style and friendliness. Dick had an incredible ability to brighten people's day.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Peggy; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathy Lostetter of Bakersfield; granddaughter Lori and her husband David Wiggins of Tehachapi; grandson Richard Lostetter of Bakersfield; granddaughter Letty and husband Ron Sparling of Mt. Mesa; grandson John Lostetter of San Jose; and Carolyn Lostetter. "Grandpa" is also survived by three very precious great-grandchildren Nicholas Sparling, Bayleigh and Maddison Wiggins.

Other survivors include his brother and sister-in-law Bill and Marion Lostetter of Ohio; sister and brother-in-law Maryjean and Dutch Ziegler of Ohio; and several special nieces and nephews in Ohio; also Arlene Hibbard and Kristen Joslin, who are both very important to the family.

Marlin Cluey Hall

Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, 1995, at 1 p.m. at Mt. View So. Baptist Church for Marlin Cluey Hall of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Visitation was Thursday, February 9, 1995.

Mr. Hall was born April 2, 1912 in Lone Oak, Hunt County, Texas and passed away on February 8, 1995 in Lake Isabella. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a member of the Mt. View So. Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife Doris in 1991 and sons Connie Mac Hall in 1986 and Roy Allen Hall in 1991.

Survivors include his daughter Norma Jean Hall of Lake Isabella; daughters-in-law Mary Hall of Lake Isabella and Mary Lubke of Bakersfield; six grandchildren: Chuck, Kenny, Keith Hall, Becky, Susan and Kandi and 12 great-grandchildren. He will greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald Hopkins Sr.

Donald Hopkins Sr., age 73, of Yuba City, died January 31, 1995, at his residence.

A native of Six Mile Run, Pennsylvania, he was a Yuba-Sutter resident for five years. He was retired after working 40 years with Operating Engineers No. 501. He served as a private first class with the United States Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Mae Hopkins of Yuba City; two sons, Donald Hopkins Jr. of Wheatland and Ernest Hopkins of Live Oak; three step-daughters, Barbara Linkaus of Florida, JoAnn Thackrah of Westminster, and Mary Long of Northridge; two brothers, George Hopkins of Florida and Ernest Hopkins of Kentucky; four sisters, La Rue Hennessey of New York, JoAnn Jones of Virginia, Maxine Reed of Pennsylvania and Beverly Horne of Indiana; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held. Burial took place at Sierra View Memorial Park.

Cecil Dean Bell

Cecil Dean Bell passed away Wednesday, February 8, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. He was born December 3, 1903 in Dufur, Oregon. Mr. Bell was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 52 years.

He worked for Union Oil Company on the drilling crews for 20 years before retiring.

He is survived by his son Jack and daughter-in-law Thelma White of Kernville; daughter Rosemary Robinson of Weldon; son Ted White of Sparks, Nevada; also 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Alfred Lee Westwood

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Friday, February 17, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. for Alfred Lee Westwood, age 74. Officiating was Reverend Duane Splawn, Pastor of the Kern River Valley Christian Church of Southlake. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. He passed away in Mt. Mesa on Tuesday evening, February 14, 1995.

Mr. Westwood was born in Tildon, Illinois on August 30, 1920. In 1927, he moved with his family to Colorado and in 1941 he came to Long Beach, California. Al was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He and Miss Betty Armstrong were married in Yuma, Arizona in March 1944. Following the war, Al worked for many years as a carpenter and was a member of the Carpenters Union local #710 in Long Beach. In 1976, he and Betty moved to Lake Isabella. Al loved hunting and fishing and being out of doors.

He was a devoted husband and father and will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Betty May Westwood of Lake Isabella; his mother Wilma Lena Westwood of Lake Isabella; son Gary Lee Westwood of Long Beach, California; daughter Judy Darlene Hauge, also of Long Beach; brother William of Coarsegold, California; brother Clifford of Brunett, Texas; brother Winfred of Auburn, Washington; sister Shirley Barfield of Wichita Falls, Texas; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Angelo Joseph Spencer

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Friday, February 17, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. with Monsignor Anthony J. Herdegen, Pastor of St. Judy's Catholic Church and the Lake Isabella Post #7665 officiating for Angelo J. Spencer, age 77. He passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Friday afternoon, February 10, 1995.

Angelo was born in Ardmore, Pennsylvania on January 28, 1918. He spent his early years there and in 1943 he entered the U.S. Navy where he served for 28 years rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was stationed all over the world and served on the USS Midway aircraft carrier. He served in Trinidad in the 1950's and came to California following an enlistment in Norwalk, Virginia in 1960. Following his retirement from the Navy, he worked for Michaelson's Laboratories in China Lake.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed golfing. He was a member of the V.F.W. Lake Isabella Post #7665 and the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358.

Angelo is survived by his wife Jeanne of Bodfish; daughter Gerri Spencer of Southlake; brother Philip Spencer of Pennsylvania; sister Jo Spencer of Ardmore, Pennsylvania; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jack Morriss

Funeral services were held Friday, February 17, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Jack Morriss of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Mr. Morriss was born March 4, 1929 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and passed away February 13, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for nine years and a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. He loved to fish and he also helped many people in the valley.

He is survived by his wife of nine years Fay Morriss of Lake Isabella; son Joseph E. Morriss of San Luis Obispo, California; daughter Leslie Morriss of Ventura, California; daughter Evelyn Morriss of Oxnard, California; brother Ed Wyman of Kelseyville, California; sister Marilyn Aswegan of Chula Vista, California; sister Bobbie Harvey of North Bend, Oregon; sister Joanne Edwards of Kelseyville, California; four grandchildren Joe, Jim, Jennifer and Daniel; and many other relatives who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Building Fund at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thomas Leslie Buhe

Visitation was held Friday, February 17, 1995 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Tom Buhe at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Tom was born June 8, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois and passed away at his home in Bodfish on February 16, 1995.

Tom and his wife have been residents of the Kern River Valley for 18 years since retiring from Rockwell.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence Buhe of Bodfish; son Thomas Charles Buhe of Tehachapi; daughter Arlene Mae Hannah of Chula Vista, California; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Emily Mary Elizabeth Berni

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. for Mrs. Emily Berni, age 95. Reverend Floyd Castillo, Pastor of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiated. Committal serves were held in the New Auburn Cemetery in Auburn, California on Thursday, February 16, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Berni passed away in the local nursing center on Friday evening, February 10, 1995. She was born in Ontario, Canada on April 6, 1899. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella since 1983 coming here from Redondo Beach where she had resided for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Jean Harrison of Lake Isabella and Nellie Elizabeth Moran of Auburn, California; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1995

Kathryn "Janie" Robey

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn "Janie" Robey. Janie was born on November 11, 1936, in Overton, Alabama and went with the Lord on February 18, 1995, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Janie attended grammar school and high school in Shafter, California and in Wasco, California. She also attended Bakersfield College. She was an accomplished writer, compiling numerous poems, as well as a wonderful novel.

During the last 10 years, her home was in Wofford Heights, which she loved so dearly. She touched so many lives with her unconditional love and selfless caring. That love was returned by countless family, friends and neighbors.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years Terry; son Mervin; son Gary and daughter-in-law Leatha; son Perry and daughter-in-law Angela; daughter Jill and son-in-law Steve Askew, all of Bakersfield; her sister Jeanie and husband Volly Sanford of Colorado; brother Jim Fulner of Bakersfield; brother Sam Fulner and wife Sharon of Santa Barbara; numerous nieces and nephews; six beloved grandchildren; and many of her "family" and friends on "Family Mountain." She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Remembering "Janie"

She was sunshine, love, laughter and tears.

She was strength and courage these past two years.

As she fought the gallant fight against an insidious foe.

Until finally exhausted, she had to go.

She didn't want to go and leave

Her beloved Terry, friends and family.

Our "pretty girl" will always live in our hearts and memory.

Norma Jean Dunham

Funeral services were held for Norma Jean Dunham on February 18, 1995, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. She passed away peacefully with two of her children at her bedside, February 15, 1995, at Mercy Hospital.

Norma Jean spent her childhood in Old Isabella and attended the first through eighth grades in the local one-room schoolhouse. Later she graduated from Bakersfield High School.

During the Depression years, she spent some of her childhood in the Keysville area, where her father, Lon Presnell, and her mother (formerly Anne Hanning) successfully mined the Kern River for gold.

She later worked as a practical nurse for Dr. Charles Barrows, in Old Kernville. Following her years at the hospital, she worked as an attendant for the V.F.W. Ambulance Service, the first ambulance service established in the valley. She finished her years in the medical profession as a hearing tester for the Beltone Company.

Norma Jean loved nature, hunting and gardening. Her sense of humor, her concern for others, and her strength in times of adversity endeared her to her family and friends. She will be missed but remembered with smiles and laughter. She is survived by her two daughters, Dreena and Linda, and her three sons, Robert, Mike and Pat.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ollie E. King

Memorial services for Ollie E. King, age 70, of Bodfish were held on Sunday, February 26, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #7665 in Lake Isabella. A 10-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. King was born September 20, 1924 in Etowah County, Alabama and died at her home on February 18, 1995.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W., the Ladies of the Moose and a life member of Ward Memorial Presbyterian Chapel in Gasden, Alabama.

Survivors include her husband Harold King of Bodfish; her children's father and stepmother, Walter and Irma Hales of Gasden, Alabama; a son David Hales of Lake Isabella; daughter Annie R. Cameron of Bakersfield; daughter Linda K. Davis of Biloxi, Mississippi; daughter Rebecca Lembke of Bodfish; daughter Susan Westburg of Kernville; and a stepdaughter Carol Fox of St. Paul, Minnesota. She is also survived by her sisters Bobbie Brooks and Mary Taylor, both of Madison, Indiana; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James Franklin Dick

Graveside Funeral Services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Thursday, February 23, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. for James F. Dick. Reverend David Snow, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James was born January 27, 1934 in Christopher, Illinois, and passed away in Mt. Mesa on Monday evening, February 20, 1995.

At the age of eight, he moved to California settling in the Whittier area. In 1968 he came to Lake Isabella. He has been employed for the past 15 years by Ladd Ready Mix.

James was preceded in death by his parents Hon Dick and Virginia Dick in 1994. He is survived by two sisters and by special dear friends LeRoy and Donna Ladd of Lake Isabella and by many dear friends who will greatly miss him.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory Randel Dean Stubbs

The son of Frank and Shirley Stubbs, Randel was born on December 20, 1955 and passed away on February 20, 1995.

He leaves behind his sisters Trudy Lee Stubbs and Teena Marie Stubbs; his ex-wife Leslie Stubbs; and his three children, Joel Evan Stubbs, Kyle Stubbs and Megan Garner.

He will be missed greatly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles Elmer Willyard

Graveside services were held Monday, February 27, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Charles Elmer Willyard of Onyx. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Weldon Methodist Church.

Mr. Willyard was born August 2, 1933, in Topeka, Kansas and passed away on February 22, 1995, in Barstow, California. He was a resident of Onyx since retiring from the Postal Service in Simi Valley in 1984. He was known for his woodworking and he was a good father to his children.

He is survived by his sons Charles Willyard, Jr. and David Willyard of Barstow, California; daughter Diana Lee Kent of Anchorage, Alaska; three grandchildren: Charles Willyard III, Amber Fox and Brandy Kent; two great-grandchildren: Ashley Fox and Hailey Mitchell; his brother Don Burse of Nebraska. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Doc DeWayne Jones

Memorial services were held on Friday, February 24, 1995 at 10 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Doc DeWayne Jones. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Doc DeWayne Jones was born into this world on February 8, 1946 in the state of Oklahoma. He spent his early childhood in our Kern River Valley. Although he moved away for a period of time, he came back to this area in 1973. During the majority of his life (33 years), he worked in construction as an Operating Engineer Local #501 running heavy equipment and welding. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Union and a member of this church family.

He was an avid collector of knives and lived to hunt with hounds. He was also active in the Senior Center doing whatever was needed from cooking to dishwashing.

Doc was taken from this life to be in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 18, 1995, just ten days after his 49th birthday. He will be greatly missed by all those who were privileged to know and love him.

He is survived by his mother Bessie, who resides in Oklahoma; three sisters Lahoma, Kay and Francina, also residing in Oklahoma; his daughter Janet and son-in-law Manuel Jimenez, of Lake Isabella; daughter Caryl, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren Justin Miller, Jesse, Cody and Elizabeth Jimenez.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Rose Marie Faygel Wallace

Private family services and cremation were held in Arcata, California, for Rose Marie Faygel Wallace, age 80. She passed away at the Mad River Hospital in Arcata on February 10, 1995. She was born on May 24, 1914, in Red Lodge, Montana.

Mrs. Wallace was residing in Santa Rosa, California, with her daughter Jean Lewis. She had lived in the Wofford Heights area for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lorence E. Wallace and her parents Mark Faygel and Mary Homan Faygel. Survivors include her daughter Ellen Ione Reid of Eureka, California; daughter Margaret Rose Sims of San Diego, California; daughter Jean Marie Lewis of Santa Rosa, California; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving Mrs. Wallace are her sisters Mary Bohannon of Columbus, Montana, and Anne Boffert of Redding, California.

Rose Marie Faygel Wallace
Dearest Mother

In every way
You made our home
A warm and happy
Place to come.
We learned of love
And dignity
And gathered
Happy memories.
We miss you so
Now heaven knows
Your gentleness
And sweet repose.

Margaret Rose Sims
Jean Marie Lewis
Ellen Ione Reid

Albert Edward Smith

Albert E. Smith passed away at his home Saturday, February 25, 1995. He was born February 2, 1915 in New York City, New York, and came to California as a child and went to school in Bakersfield. He came to live in Kern Valley over 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Irene; brother-in-law Orville Welcher; nephews Kent Maxwell and wife Judy and their three sons and daughter who were very special to Al, Nona, Scott, Warren and Guy; nephew Bob Smith and wife Johnnie; niece Judy Hightower and husband Cliff; niece Chris Faircloth and husband Dave. A much loved grandson Glen Hough and wife Wanda and children of Orlando, Florida and many great nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren and very special friends Liz, Tim, Marilyn and Ken. There will be no services as requested by the deceased.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary.

Gilbert G. DiSanto

Gilbert G. DiSanto, a resident of Lake Isabella, passed away on February 18, 1995 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He is survived by his two sons Gilbert J. and Ronald D. DiSanto and his granddaughter Lisa DiSanto. He is also survived by his sisters Rose Nolan, Mary Gillespie, Josephine Miller and his brother Frank DiSanto.

A memorial service was held on March 4, 1994 at 10 p.m. at the Weldon United Methodist Church.

Virginia Grace Raymond

Private arrangements were made for Virginia Grace Raymond who passed away February 28, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. She was born November 12, 1908 in Escanaba, Michigan and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years. Virginia is a retired Army Nurse who served during WWII. She belonged to the VFW Post #7665 and the Eagles Lodge, also the Lockheed Rock and Miners Society. She was an avid rock hound and friend of flora and fauna.

She is survived by her sister Janet St. John of Wofford Heights; sister Margaret and husband Chris Henkel of Chatsworth; nephew Jan W. Raymond of Weldon; nephew Mark and wife Jan St. John of Greedly, Colorado; niece Patricia and husband Larry Argabright of Canoga Park, California.

Interment will be at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank Norwood Gates

Private arrangements were made for Frank Norwood Gates, who passed away February 26, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. Frank was born July 17, 1907 in Ventura County, California and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 16 years. He loved fishing and hunting. He was well known in the valley and he and his tall tales will be missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Edna; daughter Bonnie Arnold of Simi Valley; daughter Betty Mylres of Lincoln, California; son Kenneth Gates of Goldfield, Nevada; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Etta May Chapman

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Etta May Chapman. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Mrs. Chapman was born September 2, 1898 in Worthington, Minnesota, and passed away February 24, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 96 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a member of the 55+ Club and the Grandmothers Club.

She is survived by her daughter Gene Ackerman of Lake Isabella and her son Bud Chapman of Huntington Beach, California; grandchildren Brad and Judy Armstrong of Lake Isabella and Brent Chapman of Huntington Beach, California; great-grandchildren Chris, Stephanie and Brandon Armstrong of Lake Isabella; George Ackerman of Portland, Oregon; and Alan Ackerman of Vancover, B.C.; great-great-grandchild Alexander Ackerman of Vancover, B.C. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Aaron Allen Horn

Aaron Allen Horn, age 22 years, passed away in Oak View, California, on Sunday, February 26, 1995, after a long and brave struggle with drug addiction and alcoholism. He was a special spirit, an avid outdoorsman and backpacker; pioneering many trails in the Sespe Mountains and in the Sequoia National Forest.

Aaron was born ony 19, 1972, and attended schools in Oxnard, California, where he was active in Scouting. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Aaron was an accomplished musician with various Celtic flutes and horns. He was a student of his Celtic Heritage and compiled various manuscripts recording the history of the Clans. His poetry and inspirational writings are a monument to his deep love of life. Always ready with a joke and a smile, Aaron was a true friend of the world and his happy, loving spirit was an uplifting and guiding beacon to all that knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Boyd and Pat, his brothers Hyrum and Chuck and his sister, Anna, all of the Kern River Valley. Also great-grandmother Clytie Allen; grandparents Jerry and Jean Obert of Southlake; numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th, with Pastor Mary True of the Unity Church of Petaluma. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Kern River Valley Alano Club.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Arthur Andrew Litke

Arthur Litke was born on July 27, 1922 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He moved at the age of two to Detroit, Michigan, where he grew up and worked during World War II for the Ford Motor Company. He was an aircraft mechanic at the Ford Company where he helped in the building of the B-17 bombers. After his stay at the Ford Company he worked for Revere Copper and Brass Company for 35 years in Detroit.

Arthur moved to Weldon from Detroit in 1987 where he remained until his death on March 8, 1995 at the age of 72.

He is survived by his wife Virginia of Weldon; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Bob England; granddaughter Heather England and his grandson Christopher England. Also surviving him are a great many friends and neighbors who will greatly miss him.

He will also be missed by the Moose Club of which he was a lifetime member.

Services are entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ernest Fred Everett

Ernest Everett was born on October 9, 1900, in Gatesville, Texas. He moved to California in 1930 where he lived in the Los Angeles and Banning area. Ernest worked for 40 years for the Pacific Bell Telephone Company as an Electrical Engineer. He was in the Navy during the latter part of WWI. He moved to Wofford Heights in 1976.

His hobby and the joy of his life was breeding and raising race horses. He raced his horses at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park and Del Mar race tracks. His most popular horse was Clown Prince.

Ernest passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on March 9, 1995, at the age of 94.

He is survived by his wife Hallie and daughter Evelyn Parke of Wofford Heights; a son Ernest Fred Jr.; and many friends who will greatly miss him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Albert Edward Smith

Albert E. Smith passed away at his home Saturday, February 25, 1995. He was born February 2, 1915 in New York City, New York, and came to California as a child and went to school in Bakersfield. He came to live in Kern Valley over 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Irene; brother-in-law N.L. Roberts and wife Julia; brother-in-law Orville Welcher; nephews Kent Maxwell and wife Judy and their three sons and daughter who were very special to Al, Nona, Scott, Warren and Guy; nephew Bob Smith and wife Johnnie; niece Judy Hightower and husband Cliff; niece Chris Faircloth and husband Dave. A much loved grandson Glen Hough and wife Wanda and children of Orlando, Florida and many great nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren and very special friends Liz, Tim, Marilyn and Ken. There will be no services as requested by the deceased.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary.

James R. "J.R." Scott

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 17, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for James R. "J.R." Scott, 37, of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Petaluma, California.

J.R. is survived by his father, James E. Scott of Wofford Heights; a brother John F. Scott of Bakersfield; sister Michelle McElfresh of Clovis; sister Anne Bunnell of Petaluma.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Martha Wokal

Martha Wokal, age 73, of Onyx passed away Tuesday, March 14, 1995, in Bakersfield after a brief illness. She was born in Sterling, Colorado, but lived almost all her life in California. She had lived in the Kern River Valley for over 20 years, had been the office manager for Dr. Ann Elconin, and was currently secretary for the South Fork Mosquito Abatement District. She was also active in the South Fork Women's Club. Because she was always ready to help anyone who needed her special talents or her friendship, she will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, to whom she had been married 54 years; her daughter Genel; sisters JoAnn Merry and Doris Pruett; brother Clifford Pritchard; and other family members and special friends who loved her.

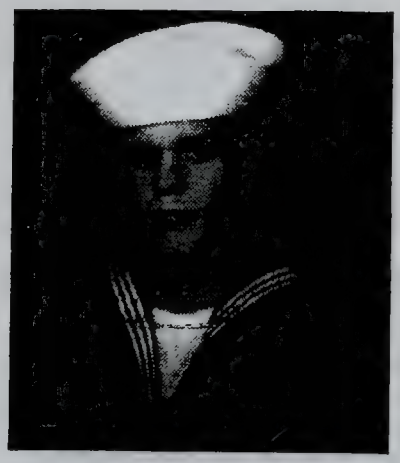
Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melanie Rachelle Wilde

Melanie Rachelle Wilde passed away on March 10, 1995, in Loma Linda, California. She was born with a major heart defect. Melanie was 7-1/2 months old at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her parents, Steven Wilde and Barbara Wagner of Loma Linda, California; sister Tiffany Wagner of Kernville; sister Lacey Wilde of Loma Linda; sister Jessica and Andrea Wilde of Weldon, maternal grandmother Adele Heitman of Lake Isabella; paternal grandparents Elmer and Doris Wilde of Bakersfield.

Services were held on March 18, 1995 at Valley Mortuary.



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Aaron was born on July 19, 1972, and attended schools in Oxnard, California, where he was active in Scouting. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Aaron was an accomplished musician with various Celtic flutes and horns. He was a student of his Celtic Heritage and compiled various manuscripts recording the history of the Clans. His poetry and inspirational writings are a monument to his deep love of life. Always ready with a joke and a smile, Aaron was a true friend of the world and his happy, loving spirit was an uplifting and guiding beacon to all that knew him.

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Funeral services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th, with Pastor Mary True of the Unity Church of Petaluma. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Kern River Valley Alano Club.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Byron Leroy "Barney" Pate

Byron Pate was born in Kansas on May 7, 1920. He served in the Army during World War II.

He moved from Kansas to California in 1951 where he settled in the Maywood and Torrance area where he worked for Excellon Automation as manager of inspection.

Barney, as he was known by, moved to the Kern Valley area in 1974 where he lived until his death on March 4, 1995 at the age of 74.

He is survived by his wife Dorthy of Weldon; daughter Georgia Barrentine of Franktown, Colorado; daughter Frankie Biehahn of Saugus, California; daughter Elouise Richards of Fontana, California; son Kelley Byron Pate of Golden, Colorado; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Along with many friends he had here in the Kern Valley.

Services were held in the Kern Valley LDS Church on Friday, March 17, 1995 at 1 p.m.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Anthony Subee II

John Subee was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on March 22, 1926. He lived in the Monterey Park area prior to coming to make his home in Bodfish where he lived until his death on March 12, 1995 at the age of 68.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for many years. He also served in the American Merchant Marines in Oceangoing Service during the period of armed conflict between December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945.

John is survived by his wife Mary Subee of Bodfish; son John Anthony Subee III; daughter Jan Alexis Subee of Burbank, California; daughter Jacquline Hunter; brothers Benny, John and Robert; sister Violet Akua; as well as four grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him here in the Kern River Valley.

He was a member of the Men's Golf Club, Kern Valley Country Club, Elks and the American Legion.

Services will be held in Honolulu with burial in the National Cemetery of the Pacific.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Alden Eugene Westergren

Memorial services were held for Al Westergren of Wofford Heights on Saturday, March 25, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge. Officiating were the officers of the Kern River Valley Lodge #827 and Kern River Valley Chapter 643 O.E.S.

Mr. Westergren was born on May 8, 1923 in St. Joseph, Missouri, and passed away on March 21, 1995, in Wofford Heights, California. He served in the Air Sea Rescue in WWII and the Los Angeles City Fire Department for 30 years as an engineer on the Fire Boats in San Pedro, California. He was a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and the Past Masters Club, both in Los Angeles, California.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #827, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Sequoia Scottish Rite, Royal Arch Masons - York Rite, Knights Templars, Order of the Eastern Star - Past Patron, and the American Legion of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Westergren of Wofford Heights; son Mark Westergren of Sacramento, California; daughter Diane Plante of Kernville; sisters Mary Cornell of Wofford Heights and June Oberg of Wofford Heights; and his three grandchildren Jenifer, Jeffrey and Jaclyn Plante. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Caldwell Briggs

Jack Briggs was born in Tippecanoe City, Ohio, on November 16, 1921. He passed away in Wofford Heights on March 19, 1995 where he had lived for the past 24 years. He was 73 years old. Services were held at the Elks Lodge #2358 on Thursday, March 23, 1995. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery. The Elks along with Pastor David Snow officiated.

Jack had served in the Navy during WWII having earned WWII Victory Medal, American area Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Medal as well as the Good Conduct Medal.

Jack left Ohio while in the service and came to California. After his stay in the service from 1941 to 1949 he remained in the Whittier area until 1971 when he came to make his retirement home in Wofford Heights. Jack was a member of the Elks.

For many years Jack was self-employed owner/operator of several service stations. He owned the Scovern Hot Springs Flying "A" station as well as the Douglas station in Bakersfield. Also several other stations in the area. Just prior to retiring he operated an Arco Station in Portland, Oregon.

Jack is survived by his wife Myrtle of Wofford Heights and three step-sisters Connie Heater, Judy Morton and Pat Stadut, all of Ohio. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mandell Waldo Pitcher

Mandell Pitcher was born in Tyrone, New York, on April 9, 1896, and entered rest on March 23, 1995, in Bakersfield at the age of 98.

He left New York at the age of 16 and moved to Florida where he worked as a fireman. He moved to the Los Angeles area where he remained until 1965 at which time he moved to the lake area.

Mandell often told of his early years and the hardships of the time. On a New York farm, at six years of age, he fed the farm animals. He also recalled building fires in the school house heating stove for his teacher and other students. Mandell was known for being a home body. He was, however, a member of the Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife, Melba, of Lake Isabella; son Harland of Westminister, California; daughter Barbara of Hollywood, California; brother Kenneth of North Carolina; sister Irene Bennett of New York; and one grandson, Dale.

After spending nearly a century among his family and friends, he will be greatly missed by all.

Private services and interment were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Derrall P. Wells

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Derrall P. Wells, age 81, of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Canon Winston Jensen of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, B.P.O.E. #2358 of Wofford Heights and the Kernville Lodge #872 F. & A.M. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Derrall was born March 18, 1914 in Lehigh, Oklahoma, and moved as a youngster to Sioux City, Iowa. There he met his wife, Glaytias and they were married in 1934. In 1945, they moved to Los Angeles where Derrall worked as a recreation director during the day and attended college at night to obtain his teaching degree. In 1954, they moved to Riverkern and built and operated a motel. He also taught school in Reseda and Johnsondale.

Mr. Wells was active with the Whiskey Flat Days and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Early California Days. He was instrumental in starting the Masonic Temple and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

After retirement in 1977, Derrall purchased a boat and worked as a commercial salmon fisherman on the coast at Trinidad, California. He suffered a stroke while fishing in 1985 and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on March 29, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Glaytias of Wofford Heights; daughters Kay Wells and Jerry Lou Vance, both of Nevada; sister Alice Bess Chiles; brothers Oran D. Wells and Harold Wells; grandsons Leonard and Mark Vance; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Lorin Ann Strain

Lorin Ann Strain passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on March 25, 1995, following a long illness.

She was born on December 10, 1934, in Lee Vining, California. She lived in California all of her life. She and her husband moved to Bodfish in 1983.

Lorin was a teacher of oil painting for the Cerro Coso Community College District and happily taught many seniors at the Community Hall in Lake Isabella. She loved her students and was very proud of their accomplishments. She taught there for approximately eight years, but was forced to resign because of her illness.

Lorin is survived by her husband of 23 years, Stewart "Bud" Strain, of Bodfish. Also two sons Mike and Randy Bewley; daughter Pam Anderson; three grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

Her wish was that no services be held.

Elsa Fischer

Elsa Fischer, a German National, born in Sudentland, Czechoslovakia, passed away on Monday, April 27, 1995, in Gersthofen, Germany. She was 86 years old.

She is survived by her daughter Elisabeth Maroukas of Wofford Heights; daughter Ingrid Dunham of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren Greg Maroukas of Ventura, California; Karen Moles and Wade Dunham of Tennessee; great-grandchildren Kevin and Correna Maroukas of Ventura. There are also cousins, nephews and nieces in Czechoslovakia, Germany and Austria.

Lois W. Pinckard

Memorial services for Lois W. Pinckard, age 79, of Riverkern, were held on Thursday, April 6, 1995 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. Lois was born on June 1, 1915 in the San Francisco Bay area and died on April 2, 1995 in Mt. Mesa.

A 19-year valley resident, Mrs. Pinckard was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and everyone knew her by the initials L.P. which stood for long playing. Before her health failed, Lois loved to play golf, dance and play poker.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Charles E. Pinckard of Riverkern; a brother, Wayne Reed of Ft. Worth, Texas; a sister, Jean Bevil of Ft. Worth, Texas; and a nephew, Gene P. Bevil, also of Ft. Worth, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Skilled Nursing Center, in care of the Kern Valley Hospital, 6412 Laurel Ave., Lake Isabella, CA 93240. Mr. Pinckard requests no sympathy cards, please.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Michael Hans Stites

Funeral services for Michael Hans Stites, age 48, of Lake Isabella, were held on Wednesday, April 5, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa. Bishop Steven Baer officiated and burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

A 16-year valley resident, Mr. Stites was born December 6, 1946 in Lynwood, California and died on March 30, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. He was a self-employed bartender and very involved in the L.D.S. Church. He was also active with the Clan Digger's genealogy group family history center.

Survivors include his daughter, Catherine C. Stites of Bodfish; brother Terry Haney of Lake Isabella; brother Randy C. Stites of Bodfish; two nieces and a nephew. Michael will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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Warren Elbert Read

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Warren Elbert Read of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Park in San Fernando, California.

Mr. Read was born September 3, 1909 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and passed away April 5, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He has lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 15 years, and he loved to tinker and was an expert fresh water fisherman. He was a meticulous craftsman, and he loved all his family and was there for anyone who needed help. He was a good friend to all and a lot of fun.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Ada Read of Lake Isabella; sister Sylvia Brecket of Idaho; sister Jeri Shields of Ventura, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Col. and Mrs. Elwin Vernon of Washington; 13 nieces and nephews, 17 great-nieces and nephews, and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Fred Joseph Broggio

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for Fred Joseph Broggio. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Mr. Broggio was born June 18, 1925 in Bronx, New Yorkk and passed away April 4, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 69 years of age. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past five years and was a retired iron worker.

He is survived by his beloved wife of six years, Micki Broggio; daughter Laura Calustri of Agura, California; daughter Dianne Hoey of Palmdale, California; son Joseph Broggio of Reseda, California; son Rev. Scott Moss of Indiana; five grandchildren; and his brother Frank Broggio of New York.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Garland Edward Rice

Garland Edward Rice, age 81, of Chico, passed away on April 9, 1995 at Beverly Manor. Memorial services were held for him on Thursday, April 13, 1995, at Brusie Funeral Home of Chico, California. Inurnment followed at Glen Oaks Memorial Park.

He was born on November 16, 1913 to parents Henry and Sarah Rice, in Las Animas, Colorado, where he received his education through high school. Garland served in the Navy aboard the USS California.

In 1948, he married Winola Chauffe in Las Vegas, Nevada. Garland was employed by the U.S. Civil Service for 37 years. A 40-year member of the Elks Lodge, he was a Past Exhalted Ruler and Past DDGER for the Garden Grove Lodge.

Survivors include: His wife Winola of Chico, California; son Dan Rice, also of Chico; sister Cora Baldwin of Lake Isabella; sister Hazel Martin of Las Animas, Colorado; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Brusie Funeral Home.

Joy Castro

Joy Castro, age 64, of Wofford Heights died on April 8, 1995, in Thousand Oaks, California.

She was born August 30, 1930 in Provo, Utah. Joy retired to Wofford Heights in 1982 after 20 years at the Daily News in the San Fernando Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Anthony W. Castro, Sr.; son Anthony, Jr. and his wife Janet; son George and his wife Linda; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother; sister Kathy; and two brothers.

Joy was an avid golfer who served as President of the Kern Valley Women's Golf Club for two consecutive terms.

Memorial services were held on April 13, 1995 at the First Baptist Church in Newbury Park.

She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Aliene Mildred Allard

Aliene Allard, age 70, passed away on April 14, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 18 years.

She was born in Wisconsin on April 7, 1925.

Aliene is survived by her husband, Edward, of Lake Isabella; son Mike Nelson of Michigan; daughter Jackie Vogel of Woodland Hills, California; brother Daniel Blitz of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and a host of friends.

Services and interment are private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Emmette Scott

Funeral services were held Friday, April 14, 1995, at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James Emmette Scott. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Scott was born in Cuba, Missouri on October 31, 1927 and passed away at his home on April 11, 1995. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. He owned and operated the Kern River Distributors from 1974.

He is survived by his companion Jackie Anderson; his son and daughter-in-law Jack and Jennifer Scott of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Craig McElfresh of Clovis, California; daughter and son-in-law Anne and Doug Bunnell of Petaluma, California; sister and brother-in-law Roberta and John Mason; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1995

Kenneth Eugene Ingle, Sr.

Kenneth Eugene Ingle, Sr., age 60, from Lake Isabella, passed away in San Fernando on April 20, 1995.

Ken was born in Hominy, Oklahoma, on May 12, 1934. He lived most of his life in the Buttonwillow and Bakersfield area. He had moved to the Kern River Valley nine years ago.

He is survived by sister Frankie Marsh of Minors Oaks; sister Mary Burton of Clear Lake; sister Bertha Hoover of Hominy, Oklahoma; brother Carl Ingle of Bakersfield; four sons, Dan of Palmdale; Doug of Tehachapi; Kenneth, Jr. of Lake Isabella; and Curtis of Wofford Heights; two daughters Denise Ward of Hayden, Idaho, and Brenda Hutchings of Trinidad, Colorado; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 28, 1995, at West Side Cemetery in Taft, California.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995

Sybil Roberta Cariker

Sybil Roberta Cariker passed away April 23, 1995 in Lake Isabella, California. She was born February 11, 1919 in Young County, Texas. She was 76 years old.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years and belonged to the Grandmothers Club, Shin Chapter of Eastern Star and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Sybil is survived by her daughter Carol Bergen of Mission Viejo, California; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella on May 20, 1995, at 2 p.m. Pastor David Snow will officiate.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

In Loving Memory of Ginny Ledbetter

When I think of you, I think of our friendship from beginning to the end, bonding as friends. When I think of our long talks, quiet moments, the secrets we shared, I think of love and friendship, knowing how much we cared.

When I think of you, I think of strength and courage, the laughter. Then I get lonely and feel so alone.

When I think of you, I have beautiful memories and here is the best part, deep in my heart I know you are thinking of me, too, when I think of you. Happy birthday in heaven, Ginny, my dearest friend. I'll be thinking of you always, from beginning to the end.

We love "U," Miss "U"
Marty and Ed Alcorn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995

Richard "Dick" Gledhill

Richard "Dick" Gledhill died in Santa Barbara, California, on April 18, 1995. He was born in Van Nuys, California in 1927. His parents were early ranchers in Van Nuys beginning in 1908. A school and street were named for the Gledhill family.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on Guam. He was in the first graduating class of Pierce College after WWII. Dick was in the wholesale and retail paint business since 1950. Moving to Santa Barbara in 1959, he was active in the standards of maintaining strict Santa Barbara Restoration and color design. He was a consultant on wood maintenance at Hearst Castle in the 70's and did early planning of Historic "Old Town" Santa Barbara.

Dick is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jo of Wofford Heights; son Scott (Darcie) Gledhill of Santa Barbara; daughter Sheri (Steve) Muir of Forestville, California; daughter Stacy (Todd) Emery of Kent, Washington; and daughter Shelley (Tim) Moore of Santa Barbara. There are seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; an identical twin brother Donald; sister Wanda Ketchum; and oldest brother Bill. He is survived by his sister Margaret Barmum of Phoenix, Arizona; and brother Gene Gledhill of Mississippi; and many nieces and nephews.

The beauty and friendliness of the Kern River Valley has brought him much joy. Exploring the historic areas here have continued to bring him great pleasure. His retirement was the chance to explore and see much of great beauty in the U.S. The Southwest Indian Country was of particular interest. Their last trip was a visit to the floor of the Grand Canyon in an Elderhostel program.

At his request, no service will be held. Donations may be sent to the American Heart Association, 212 West Figueroa Street, Santa Barbara, California 93103 or the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

Cecilia Mary Artman

Private arrangements were made for Cecilia Mary Artman who passed away April 26, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Cecilia was born November 22, 1922 in Wyoming and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 32 years and worked for Nelda's Restaurant, Dam Korner and the Spot Cafe. She also was a member of the Dam Dancers for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years George Artman; her sons Robert Marcoes of Florida and Michael Misbrener of San Diego; step-daughter Connie Romer of Fontana, California; six grandchildren and sister Tillie Myers of Mar Vista, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Howard M. Jensen

Private arrangements were made for Howard M. Jensen who passed away April 26, 1995. Mr. Jensen was born January 20, 1910 in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jayne Jensen. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn Franklin of Weldon; and three grandchildren Don McKissick Jr. of Glendora, California; Debbie Walker of Weldon; Michael McKissick of Southlake; and six great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack W. McKean, Jr.

Private services were held in Santa Maria for Jack W. McKean, Jr., 50 years old. He was born on October 30, 1944 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He died on April 18, 1995, after a brief illness.

Mr. McKean has been a California resident since 1959 graduating from Lompoc High School and California State University in Long Beach. He was a state licensed surveyor and professional engineer.

He worked for the City of Long Beach for 25 years. For the past 18 months he was the owner of Golden Sight Land Systems in Santa Maria.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. McKean; his father Jack W. McKean, Sr.; his brother Jim McKean of Santa Monica; his mother Kathy Chappell of Weldon; a sister Rebecca Winson of New York City; three nephews and one niece.

A celebration of Jack's life was held with friends and co-workers from Long Beach and family. Jack's paintings filled the large clubhouse. Personal writings of Jack and his poems were read by family members, as classical music was played from his music collection.

Many people stood and told what Jack had meant to them along with some very humorous things Jack did. His remains were scattered in the ocean according to his wishes.

Elster "Al" Blankenship

Elster "Al" Blankenship, age 68, went to be with the Lord on April 28, 1995.

He leaves behind his loving wife of eleven years, Yvonne of Wofford Heights; brother Oliver of Pideville, Kentucky; brother Shirl of Anaheim, California; brother Ottis of Paintsville, Kentucky; sister Mabel Blackburn of Pikeville, Kentucky; daughter Linda and husband Ken Gaynor; daughter Deborah and husband Bill Stovall; daughter Glennis and husband Jerry Spear; his son Michael and wife Holly Blankenship; stepchildren Chantel Virlet, John Tomcic, Richard Tomcic, Kathleen Garuti and Nadia Mormann; and a host of grandchildren.

Elster was born in Coal Run, Pike County, Kentucky to Alex Blankenship and Dollie McGuire on May 7, 1926. He served with the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1943, and retired in 1968 at CBN Port Hueneme. He was a veteran of the World War II, Korean and Vietnam wars. He also received numerous medals and ribbons. He worked and retired from Camarillo State Hospital as a welder and chief steward for the State Employees Association. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shriners Club and the Elks.

Memorial services will be held at the VFW in Lake Isabella on Tuesday, May 2, 1995 at 10 a.m. Ashes will be scattered at sea. Directed by Mish Funeral Home.

Anna Gertrude Sumrall

Services were held on Tuesday, May 2, 1995, at Lake Isabella Funeral Home in the Rose Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. for Anna Gertrude Sumrall, age 71. Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She passed away in her sleep at her home in Bodfish.

Anna was born in Denver, Colorado, on January 28, 1924. As a child, she moved to Sumrall, Mississippi, where she lived and met her husband, Ben Sumrall. They were married in 1941, the town of Sumrall was named after Ben's great-grandfather.

Along with her husband, she moved to Santa Barbara in 1983. After her children were grown, she attended college and got her RN degree in nursing. She worked at three hospitals. First, at Forest General Hospital in Hattisburg, Mississippi. Then, at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. And finally, she moved to Bakersfield where she worked at the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. She moved to Bodfish in 1989. Before becoming a nurse, she worked as a seamstress to help her children to go to college.

One of the lasting memories of Anna was her willingness to help people as they returned home from the hospital.

Anna loved flowers and was a top-notch gardener. She also had very strong political ties and if you knew her you would know what party she belonged to.

She is survived by her husband Ben; son Ben Jr.; a daughter Lynda Courtney; a granddaughter Shawn; four brothers and three sisters.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family and the staff of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Harold Stanley Barnes

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at Kern Valley Cemetery for Harold Stanley Barnes, age 87, who passed away May 2, 1995 in Bakersfield. Harold was born in Trout River, Newfoundland. After spending years in Western New York and Long Beach, California, he moved to Kernville in 1952 where he operated the Kernville Hardware, worked at the Fish Hatchery, then became partners in Barnes Sporting Goods Store with his son, Wayne. As a child in Newfoundland, he worked on lobster fishing boats and continued to enjoy hunting and fishing throughout the rest of his life.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Barnes and grandson Bobby Barnes. He is survived by son Ralph and his wife Jean; son Wayne and his wife Ann; and daughter Lois and her husband Bob Crowder; 1 brother, Tom Barnes; 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind support and prayers and we know that he will be missed deeply by all.

Dorothea Esther May

Graveside funeral services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Friday, April 28, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiating for Dorothea E. May, age 76. She passed away at the local hospital on Wednesday morning, April 26, 1995.

Dorothea was born in Redding, California on September 17, 1918. As an infant, she moved with her family to Santa Cruz where she received her education. Following graduation from high school she moved to the Los Angeles area and then for a short time she lived in Idaho and then returned to Los Angeles.

Following her retirement from Excello Plating, she moved to the lake area and had resided here for the past 15 years. Dorothea devoted her life to raising her son Ronald and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Besides her son Ronald Freeman of Bodfish, she is survived by one sister Frieda Solomon of Bodfish and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William Scott Mullen

William Scott Mullen, age 33, was killed in a car accident Wednesday evening returning home from Bakersfield.

Scott will be remembered for his seemingly endless supply of generous and helpful gestures. His sunny and animated personality will be immensely missed.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie and five children, Tesha, Rachel, Sheena, Jacob and Ashley; his parents Bill and Nova (Joyce); and his brother Terry.

Arrangements by the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dear Daddy,

I love you. I sure miss you. I hope and I'll pray that you go to heaven. Mom loves you. She cried a lot. I wish that you were alive. I want you to know I love you. Mom said you did not deserve what you got. Remember we love you and Ashley did not take it hard. As we did. Love you, Daddy.

Love, Sheena, Jacob, Ashley and Mom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1995

Frederic Jacob Funkhouser

Frederic Jacob Funkhouser was born on October 13, 1911 in Archbold, Ohio to parents John and Margaret Rice Fankhauser. (The two variations of the spelling of the family name are correct. Some members were incorrectly named Funkhouser by the old family doctor and they kept this spelling. Others go by the family spelling of Fankhauser.) As a young man he worked on the family farm, soon taking a job at a local ladder factory. He was married to Edith Shafer from 1941 to 1957. Shortly after their marriage, the newlyweds moved to California where Fritz worked as an aircraft mechanic during World War II. After the war, he began working for Hunter-Douglas, staying with the company when it became Bridgeport Brass and finally Alcan Aluminum. Fritz retired in 1976, remaining in Riverside, California, until moving to Ridgecrest in 1994. Following a lengthy illness, he passed away quietly on the morning of May 7, 1995 at the Beverly Manor Health Care Center in Ridgecrest, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Marion Funkhouser; and sisters, Idella Mandly and Ruth Bundy. He is survived by sister Mae Miller of Archbold, Ohio; son Rick Fankhauser and his wife, Maria, and their daughters Beth, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Amber of Lake Isabella, California; son Larry Fankhauser and his wife, Eva, and their sons Glenn and Jeff of Bakersfield, California; and eight nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 1995 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating. Interment willl follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the building fund of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Donald E. Poindexter

Graveside services for Donald E. Poindexter, age 76, were held on Thursday, May 11, 1995 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

A 19-year area resident, Mr. Poindexter was born June 19, 1918 in Bloomington, Illinois and passed away at his Kernville home on May 5, 1995. He was a disabled veteran of World War II having received his injuries during service with the Army in the Battle for Corregidor, the Phillipines.

Survivors include his brother Edwin C. Poindexter of Salton Sea Beach, California; and his sister Anna Lee Bussard of Lakeport, California.

John Burlando

Memorial graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the old pioneer section of the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights, for John Floyd Burlando, age 80, of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. The eulogy was given by John McNally. John Burlando passed away on Saturday, May 6, 1995 in the Kern Valley Hospital, Mt. Mesa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chris Smith Burlando; a sister, Betsy Burlando Esponda; and a brother, Claude Earl Burlando. He is survived by his brother, Bill Burlando; nephews, Claude Esponda and Matt Burlando; nieces, Kathy Burlando Wilson and Karen Burlando Woods; eight grand nephews, three grand nieces, two great-grand nephews and three great-grand nieces.

John was a pioneer born at Fairview on the Kern River in Tulare County on July 16, 1914. His father, Matt Burlando, was an Italian immigrant and his mother was Lupe Apalatea, a local girl whose family can trace their roots back to the original Spanish settlers and native American Indians of the Kern River Valley. At the time of John's birth, Matt and Lupe operated a pack station and boarding house, servicing the Edison Company construction workers bringing water and power to the San Joaquin Valley.

As a young cowboy, John operated the Burlando Ranch located on what is now the townsite of modern Kernville. He married Chris Smith in 1947 and they later opened and operated the first nursery in the Kern River Valley. John is loved and will be missed by his family and many friends.

Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Maxine Rosalie Hughes

Private arrangements were made for Maxine Rosalie Hughes who passed away on May 9, 1995 in Lake Isabella. She was born April 16, 1911 in Nebraska and lived in the Kern River Valley for 29 years.

Maxine was a member of the Bodfish Beamers and Mountain Air C.B. Club and Kern River Valley Side Band C.B. Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of F.O.E. Aerie #3156.

She is survived by her daughter Jean Ostermire of San Carlos, California and her sister Babe Folden of Lincoln, Nebraska. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alena Maryann Farr

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Alena Maryann Farr. Officiating was Pastor Randy Gallemore of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Lake Isabella. Interment was Friday, May 12, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California.

Mrs. Farr was born April 21, 1909 in Garlan County, Arkansas and passed away on May 7, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. She has lived in California for the past 60 years and in Bodfish for 3 years. She worked for StarKist Tuna Co. for 20 years. She is a member of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by brother and sister-in-law Clyde and Virginia Kelley of Kernville; brother and sister-in-law Roy and Orleena Kelley of Calamasa, California; sister Daisy Curtis of Bodfish; and many nephews and nieces and great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1995

Johann Kay Werner

Private inumment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield with private interment to follow for longtime area resident, Johann Kay Werner, age 75. He passed away in a Bakersfield hosptial on Monday, May 15, 1995. He was born in Germany on October 3, 1919, where he spent his early years.

At the age of 15, he moved to the Orient and lived there until he was 21. He came to the United States in 1940, settling in the San Pedro and Los Angeles. Johann entered the United States Army Airforce in 1942 and served until 1945.

He and Monica Heymann were married in 1946 and together they made their home in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. In 1966, Johann moved to Kernville and in 1967 he opened Kernville TV, which he operated until his retirement in 1980. He loved the out of doors and was especially fond of horses and donkeys.

Johann is survived by his loving wife Monica of Kernville; by one son Tom Werner of Reno, Nevada; one daughter Victoria Lee of Kernville; by four grandchildren and many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Sidney Alfred Hatch

Memorial services were held for Sidney Alfred Hatch, age 64, in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Thursday, May 18, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Deryl Lackey, pastor of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church officiating. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Friday evening, May 12, 1995.

Sidney was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on November 28, 1930. He received his education and spent his early life there and in 1957 moved with his family to the Inglewood, California, area. He then moved to Columbia Heights for a short time before returning to Southern California settling in Hawthorne.

He came to the lake area in 1977 where he purchased the Paradise Mobile Home Estates. He expanded the mobile home estates several times over the years to bring it to the size it is today. Sidney was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 and the Loyal Order of Moose, Lake Isabella Lodge #498. He loved gardening and had a special hobby of raising orchids.

Sidney is survived by his loving wife Mary of Lake Isabella; one son Glenn Hatch of North Hollywood; one daughter Linda Pope of Ladera Heights; one brother Cliff Hatch of Canada; one sister Audrey Peters of Weldon; four grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Private inumment was held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William Baxter Mobley

William Baxter Mobley, age 88, from Lake Isabella, passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital - Skilled Nursing Wing on April 13, 1995. He had been a resident of the Skilled Nursing Center for approximately three years.

Bill was born in Oklahoma on March 4, 1907. He came to California in the mid-20's and retired in the Kern Valley during the late 1960's.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Opal Love Parks.

Bill was cremated and laid to rest alongside his wife at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Margaret A. Jackson

Graveside services for Margaret Adalaide Jackson, age 88, of Lake Isabella, were held on Friday, May 19, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. A 51-year county resident, Mrs. Jackson was born September 23, 1906 in Canyon City, Colorado and passed quietly from this life on May 16, 1995.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Merle Jackson, of Colorado. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Cathy Jackson of Lake Isabella; son Norbert Jackson, of Colorado; daughters Georgia Pollock of San Jose, Ethel Huffman of Yuba City, Charlene Richardson of Ceres, June Austin of Capistrano Beach, Margie Maples of San Marcos, Marlee Milam of Long Beach; many grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Charles B. "Charlie" Straight

Private inurnment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield with private interment to follow for Mr. Charles Berger Straight, age 73. He passed away at his residence in Weldon on Friday evening, May 12, 1995.

He was born in Iowa on October 15, 1921. Charlie received his education and spent his early years there. As a young man, he worked as a farmer. He was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. In 1957, he moved to Norwalk and lived there and in Simi Valley where he was employed as a truck driver hauling cars and freight. In 1980, he came to the lake area settling in Weldon. He was a member of the Lake Isabella Post #7665 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Charlie loved to frequent swap meets and was a collector of many items. He was a devoted and loving father.

Charlie was preceded in death by his brother Richard. He is survived by his daughter Barbara Norris of Sacramento; son Charles Straight of Simi Valley and Weldon; son Gregory Straight of Simi Valley; son Kent Straight of North Hills; sister Lila Mahn; brother Harvey Straight of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother Lloyd Straight of Iowa; and brother Leo Straight of California. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Norman Craig Barton

On April 28, 1995, Norman Craig Barton passed on with his family at his bedside. Born in Louisiana, he came to California in 1946, enlisted in the Navy for WWII, and was recalled for Korea.

Later he met and married his wife of 48 years Ginny. He made engineer in the L.A. County Fire Dept., did hardwood floors, and put himself throught college while he made his way up to Vice-President of Engineering at Sweat and Crawford Insurance (Transamerica). They have two children, Donna and Craig; a grandson Matthew. They retired to this area seven years ago after being weekenders since 1962.

He is also survived by his sisters Betty Dawson, Marolyn Pemberton, Carolyn Johnson, Gloria Barnett; sisters-in-law Jean Barton, Mary L. Boland, Merna R. Maxwell; brothers-in-law Johnny Peterkin and Mike Elefante.

Betty T. Glosser

Memorial services for Betty T. Glosser, age 69, of Bodfish, were held on Saturday, May 20, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel with Reverend Marvin Moon of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church officiating.

A 9-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. Glosser was born January 5, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois, and entered into rest on May 15, 1995. A homemaker, she was a member of the Ladies of the Moose and loved the outdoors and fishing. She also really enjoyed people.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Glosser, of Bodfish; a son, Thomas Glosser, of Whittier; a daughter, Trudy Womack, of Fontana; and three grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Lung Association, 306 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1995

Mollie Belle Clark

Private services were held for Mollie Belle Clark. She passed away in Bakersfield on May 20. Mollie was born on July 24, 1900. She was 94 at her passing. She was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mollie was the youngest of six children, all of which were orphaned and each adopted by different families. Mollie was the youngest of the six. She was only nine months old when she was adopted.

Mollie learned of her adoption and that she had five brothers and sisters when she was 29 years old. Even though they were adopted separately, they all got together after learning of their plight. The get-together was sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company.

Immediately upon her being adopted her new family moved to Sawtelle, California. At the age of four she moved to Gold Hill, Oregon where she lived until she met and married Frank B. Clark. Together they moved to Oakland in 1921 and remained there until 1945 at which time she moved to Merced, California where she and her husband opened a record store called "Record Rendezvous". Mollie wrote poetry and lyrics to which her husband put music to. In 1948 she moved back to the Los Angeles area and finally moving to the Onyx area in 1988.

She is survived by two sons, David of Sacramento, Ca, and Robert of Stanton, Ca; a daughter Martha Petersen of Onyx, Ca; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, and a host of friends. Mollie was a real homebody and her family and friends will greatly miss her.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Charles L. "Buster" Clifton

Private services were held for "Buster" Clifton who passed away on May 24 with his family by his side.

Buster was born on January 12, 1914 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. He moved to Bakersfield in the mid 1930's where he owned and operated his own mechanic's shop in Lamont. In 1968 he moved to the Weldon area where he baled hay. Many of the ranchers in the valley called on him to fix their hay balers when they would break down. He was always ready and willing to help them fix their hay balers.

Buster is survived by his wife, Louise M. Clifton of Weldon; brother Fred Clifton of Needles, California; sister Lavola Stock of Bakersfield; son Kenneth "Butch" Clifton and wife of Weldon; son Jack L. Clifton and wife of Bakersfield; six grandsons, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Buster will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Buster lived a full and great life and always had a story or two to tell. Stories that his family and friends will never forget.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Margaret Bina Fuller

Memorial services were held Wednesday, May 24, 1995, at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Margaret Bina Fuller. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Mrs. Fuller was born in Venice, California on June 6, 1919, and passed away May 20, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Hugh of Wofford Heights; her daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Kenny Buttrey of Acton, California and Chris and Michael Stettner of El Dorado Hills, California; granddaughters Cathrine and Katelynn Buttrey, and grandson Matthew Stellner.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Vivian Seay Smith

Private arrangements were made for Vivian Seay Smith who passed away May 25, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was born in Indian Territory, Oklahoma on February 22, 1905. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 12 years and has lived at the nursing center in Mt Mesa for the past 3 years. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge. She is survived by her daughter Pat Phillips of Southlake; daughter Dorothy Crowell and David Sanchez of Weldon; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Sharon Sennet of Laguna Beach, Ca; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1995

Joseph Charles DeMaio

Joseph Charles DeMaio was born on December 23, 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He entered into rest on May 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa at the age of 75. Both of his parents were born in Italy and came to the U.S.A. before Joseph was born.

Joseph moved from Massachusetts in the late 60's to reside in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later he made his move to California settling in the Hawthorne area. He also lived in the Ridgecrest area for several years before moving to the lake area during the 70's. Joe was an avid baseball fan as well as having a great love for children. He spent many hours making children happy. He had a part in establishing the Alano Club and held offices such as treasurer, etc.

Nothing pleased Joe more then hopping on his hog and heading out on a challenging bike ride with the Modified Motorcycle Association. Just last year he made a trip to Laughlin, Nevada and had an enjoyable trip. Joe loved his biker friends and considered each of them his family. It was said of Joe that he accepted everyone as they were. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Joe worked in Lake Isabella at John's Upholstering Shop up until the death of its owner, John.

It was discovered that Joe had Leukemia last October and had resided at the Kern Valley Hospital SNC since early in April.

Joe is survived by three brothers. Salvatore DeMaio of Agawam, Mass; Carmen DeMaio of East Hartford, Conn., and Althonse DeMaio of Springfield, Mass; two sisters, Rosina Rubino of Springfield, Mass, Margaret Murdza of Chicopee Mass; several nieces and nephews and a great host of friends. Among the friends are Cynthia Frost and girls as well as Kenny and Barbara Miller of Onyx.

Graveside funeral services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 6th, with Reverend Raffel, interim Pastor of St. Judes Catholic Church, officiating. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Nelda Jean Beaumont

Funeral services were held Wednesday May 31, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary for Jeanne Beaumont of Kernville. Officating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Jeanne was born March 26, 1939, in Amarillo, Texas and passed away May 25, 1995 in Kernville. She lived in the Kern River Valley for 14 years.

She is survived by her mother Alice Yager of Mt. Mesa, her daughters Tracie Beaumont of Carson City, Nevada and Tiffany Edwards of Laramie, Wyoming; son Jon Beaumont of Carson City, Nevada; grandaughter Crystal Bolin of Carson City, Nevada; and two brothers, Dan Caussey of New Mexico and Charles Caussey of Havilah, Ca. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

In Loving Memory of Margaret Bina Fuller

Margaret was born June 6, 1919 to Clifford and Cleo Smith in Venice, Ca. She is survived by her husband Hugh L. Fuller, daughter Chris, and son-in-law Michael Stettner; daughter Liz and son-in-law Ken Buttrey, and three grandchildren, Matthew Stettner, Catherine Buttrey, and Katelynn Buttrey.

Before marrying, she was a stunt girl in many major motion pictures. She appeared in numerous movies, including "Gone With The Wind", "Stagecoach", "Showboat", and many Johnnie Mack Brown and Flash Gordon series. Later, she traveled the country as the first woman stage manager for the off Broadway production "Blythe Spirit".

Immediately following World War II, she married Hugh L. Fuller, First Lieutenant in the infantry.

Fishing, hunting, swimming and golfing were only a few of the activities they enjoyed together for nearly 50 years. She and her husband raised their daughters in Granada Hills, California before retiring in Wofford Heights in 1984.

Her family will remember her most for her selfless dedication to them. A humble lady, always reaching out to help others. Her life has truly made a difference and she will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

William Wesley Alden

Graveside services were held Monday, June 12, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. William was born in Calhoun, Missouri, on May 31, 1925. He entered into rest in the Memorial Hospital of Bakersfield at the age of 70 on June 7, 1995.

William left Missouri to join the Army Air Corp at the age of 18. He spent a hitch of three years in the Air Force. Towards the end of his tour of duty, he became engaged to Dixie Boyles who lived in Clinton, Missouri. She later followed him to San Antonio, Texas, where they were married. After his tour of duty was over in the Air Force, he returned to Missouri for about a year.

In 1946, he came to California settling in Hawthorne. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Torrance, California, where he lived for 30 years and raised his family. In 1931, he moved to the lake area.

William loved the games of baseball and basketball and it was well known that he was not to be disturbed during a game.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dixie Alden; one daughter, Sharon Williams of Henderson, Nevada; son, William C. Alden of Cucamonga, California; sons David Philip Alder and Wesley J. Alden, both of Torrance, California; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. William will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Douglas Eugene Burnett

Private family services and visitation were held for Douglas Eugene Burnett, 66, of Lake Isabella on Saturday, June 10, 1995 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella.

A 1 year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Burnett was born May 3, 1929 in Glendale, California and entered into rest on June 6, 1995 in a Bakersfield hospital. Before retirement, Mr. Burnett was a bus driver for the Orange County Transit District.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen Burnett of Lake Isabella; a son, Jess Eugene Burnett of Moreno Valley; two daughters, Brenda Burnett of Garden Grove, Susan Marie Clavet of Sun City; two grandsons and two granddaughters. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Lorene E. Yeargan

Graveside services were held on June 7, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial park in Bakersfield for Lorene Elizabeth Yeargan.

Mrs. Yeargan was born April 21, 1904 in Llano, Texas and entered into rest on June 3, 1995 at her home in Wofford Heights. She was 91 years of age. She has lived in Kern County for the past 51 years.

Mrs. Yeargan worked in the Wilmington ship yards during World War II as a welder and after moving to Bakersfield after the war, worked for Roundtree Studios and then in 1955, joined her husband, "Snowball" in his business, Coyco Oil Well Service until his death in 1973. She moved to Wofford Heights in 1990. Lorene was 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Yeargan of Onyx; a sister, Dorothy Cawdrey of Westlake Village; grandsons, Chris Yeargan of North Dakota, Russ Yeargan of Wofford Heights, and Dale Yeargan, Jr. of Onyx; granddaughters, Chrissie Lopez, Tina Yeargan, Janet Holbrook, Dawn Lorene Carlon and Cynthisa Lee Peredoe, all of Bakersfield; her first cousin, Alice Frost of Yucca Valley; 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Lulu AnnaMay Ruggles

Private arrangements were made for Lulu AnnaMay Ruggles who passed away on June 4, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was born May 28, 1916 in Jewell, Kansas. She was owner and operator of Lou's Coffee Shop in Santa Monica. Lulu has been in the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She worked at Miracle Hot Springs and The King Cow in Wofford Heights. She was a member of the Moose, the drill team of the Eagles, and IOOF Lodge since 1945. Her duties included fund raising and community service. Lulu also belonged to the Grandmothers Club. She loved fishing, traveling and dancing. She was a member of the Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband Ken Ruggles of Lake Isabella; her daughter and son-in-law Marlene and George Nichol of West Los Angeles; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Ted Martin of Bodfish; seven grandchildren, Christie, Deborah, Sherie, Virginia, George, Lance and Kathlene; eight great-grandchildren; step-daughter Sandra Moldenhaur of Hesperia, step-grandchildren Tammy, Corey, and Jamie and one step-great-grandson. Lulu is also survived by her brother Tommy and sister-in-law Pat Brokshire of Washington and brother L. Eugene Brokshire of Bodfish. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Delbert Milton Vester

Private services and interment were held for Delbert Vester. Mr. Vester was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 4, 1924 and entered into rest at his home on June 14, 1995 at the age of 71.

Mr. Vester was self-employed as a painter for the past 48 years. He also spent a hitch in the Navy during WWII from September 28, 1942 to January 15, 1946 as a Seaman 1st Class.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Gloria of 24 years; three sons, Steven Vester of Wofford Heights, Vincent Vester of Ventura, and Raymond Vester of Oregon.

One of Delbert's greatest loves was to take Gloria and head for the fishing hole. Many hours were spent along the shore in togetherness.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gretta Aleda Rice

Graveside services with immediate family members were held in memory of Gretta Aleda Rice at her interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on June 19, 1995. She was born July 18, 1902 in Storm Lake, Iowa, and passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center in Mt. Mesa, Ca, June 17, 1995.

Gretta and her husband Basil retired to Kernville, Ca. in 1964. She was widowed in 1977. During her 31 years in the valley she had participated in the Antique and Collectible shows; she was an avid button collector and member of the Presbyterian Church during her lifetime and a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son George B. Rice of Weldon, Ca. and daughter Babette DeMont of Litchfield Park, Az.; three granddaughters Charmaine Farmer of England, Ramona Guzman of Idaho and Juanita Hall of New Mexico; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Dorothy Barbara Clauder

Funeral services were held Saturday June 17, 1995 at 11:00 AM at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Dr. Marvin Moon. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Dorothy was born July 1, 1907 in Watsonville, California and passed away June 13, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 87 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years, and a member of the Women of the Moose. She loved to dance and go to the beach. She also loved to crochet. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Carman Noel and Richard Smith of Simi Valley; son and daughter-in-law Gary and Charlotte Lackey of Kernville, son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Cathy Lackey of Lake Isabella and son Jaye Lackey of Downey, Ca. Also 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Creed (Sandy) Collins

Private arrangements were made for Creed (Sandy) Collins who passed away June 13, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, Ca. Sandy was born in Rice, Kansas on December 25, 1910. He has been a resident of Kern County for 53 years and worked for U.S. Borax for 27 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley. He was a member of the VFW and is survived by his nephew Robert Collins of Pacoima and his sister-in-law LaVina Collins also of Pacoima.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Wesley Alden

Graveside services were held Monday, June 12, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. William was born in Calhoun, Missouri, on May 31, 1925. He entered into rest in the Memorial Hospital of Bakersfield at the age of 70 on June 7, 1995.

William left Missouri to join the Army Air Corps at the age of 18. He spent a hitch of three years in the Air Force. Towards the end of his tour of duty, he became engaged to Dixie Boyles who lived in Clinton, Missouri. She later followed him to San Antonio, Texas, where they were married. After his tour of duty was over in the Air Force, he returned to Missouri for about a year.

In 1946, he came to California settling in Hawthorne. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Torrance, California, where he lived for 30 years and raised his family. In 1981, he moved to the lake area.

William loved the games of baseball and basketball and it was well known that he was not to be disturbed during a game.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dixie Alden; one daughter, Sharon Williams of Henderson, Nevada; son, William C. Alden of Cucamonga, California; sons David Philip Alden and Wesley J. Alden, both of Torrance, California; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. William will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

George (Bob) Goldbaum

George (Bob) Goldbaum of Bodfish, CA, passed away June 18, 1995, at Sherman Oaks, CA, after a lengthy illness. Bob was a native Californian, he leaves his companion of 8 years, Bernice Hamilton. His father Milton Goldbaum of Van Nuys, CA; 2 sons George Goldbaum of Henderson, NV, and Joseph Goldbaum of Irvine, CA; 1 daughter Marian Heap of Corona, CA; 3 brothers Roy Goldbaum of Missouri, Danny Williams of Moreno Valley, CA, and Scott Jackson of Van Nuys, CA; 2 sisters Mary Sue Nelson of Ridgecrest, CA, and Marilyn Erlandson of Phoenix, AZ; his aunt Rose Marie Cloud of Weldon, CA; four grandsons, two granddaughters; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Cremation by Armstong family with ashes to be placed in Palm Mortuaries in Las Vegas, NV, in the garden of Moroni. There will be a Memorial Service at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt Mesa, on Saturday, July 1, 1995, at 12 noon, followed by a luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Moose lodge in Lake Isabella. Everyone welcome.

Margaret Jean Seeley

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Margaret Jean Seeley, 77, who died in Mountain Mesa on June 23, 1995. She was born in Massachusetts on September 28, 1917.

During World War II, she worked with TRW Systems. This was followed by nursing training, after which she worked for a while at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. She later worked as a secretary in her husband's insurance business. After his death, she began a new career in real estate until her retirement about three years ago.

She married her long-time friend Henry Seeley on August 19, 1992 and moved to Lake Isabella. She was a member of the Highland Chapel and the Ladies of the Moose.

She is survived by her loving husband Henry; two sons, Darrel Turner, whose address is unknown, and Dana Turner of Artell, Georgia. She is also survived by a sister, Ruth, of New Hampshire. We will all miss her.

At her request, she was cremated and her ashes will be disposed of at a later time.

Immediately following the service, refreshments will be served at the Moose Lodge on Lake Isabella Boulevard.

Peter Bernard Donohue

A recitation of the Holy Rosary was said at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 29, 1995 at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Friday morning June 30th at 10:00 a.m. for Peter Bernard Donohue, 71. Committal services and interment were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Reverend Godfrey Raffel, interim pastor of St. Jude's, officiated at the services. Peter passed away in Mammoth Lakes, California, on Sunday, June 25. He was born in Tacoma, Washington on August 22, 1923. Peter was a World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps. He flew 255 combat missions in the China Burma theater. He and his wife Darlene were married on December 15, 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Government as a salvage specialist for thirty years. Twenty-four of those years were spent at China Lake Naval Weapons Center. In Peter's younger years he was a boxer and he loved to follow the fights on television and would travel to Las Vegas for some of the bigger fights. He was also an avid gardener. Peter was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Darlene of the family home in Onyx; one son, Brian Donohue of Onyx; four brothers, Larry, John, Martin, and Edward Donohue all of Tacoma, Washington; three sisters, Betty Rosene, Mary Sager and Patricia Van Ryke all of Tacoma; two sisters-in-law, Marcella McGrath and her husband Mac of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Joyce and her husband Ted Tonkoshkur of Detroit, Michigan; one brother-in-law, Archie Plante and his wife Carol of Onyx; and by many nieces, nephews and friends by whom he will be greatly missed. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Pete Grechowsky

Graveside funeral services and interment were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Saturday, July 1st, 1995 with Dr. James Lee, Pastor of the Valley Community Church officiating for Lake Isabella resident Pete Grechowsky. Pete was born July 1, 1917 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and passed away at his residence on Wednesday, June 28. He spent his early years in Pittsburgh and worked for over twenty-five years as a coal miner. He came to California in 1958 and worked for another twenty-five years as a cement mason. He had resided in Lake Isabella for the past thirteen years. Pete is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Helen Grechowsky of Lake Isabella; one son, George, and his wife Ruth Grechowsky of Saugus; one daughter, Jenny, and her husband Richard Brown of Somis, CA; one sister, Annabell Marunich of Van Nuys; and by four grandchildren, Kevin, Nicole, Cody, and Stephen and by several nieces, nephews, and friends who will greatly miss him. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gloria Theresa Vester

Private inurnment was held with interment in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Kernville resident Gloria Theresa Vester, 65. She passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on June 26, 1995. Gloria was born in Mooresforks, New York on August 10, 1929. Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert on June 14th of this year. A joint memorial service will be held at a later date. Both Gloria and Delbert enjoyed sitting and fishing at the lake. The comforting thought is that the two of them are together again. Both will be missed by all who loved and knew them. Gloria is survived by three stepsons, Steven Vester of Wofford Heights, Vincent Vester of Ventura, and Raymond Vester of Oregon. She is also survived by special dear friends, Jack and Denah Timms of Kernville. The services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Evelyn Lorene Lindsay

Private family services and interment were held for Evelyn Lorene Lindsay, 72. She passed away at the local hospital on Tuesday, June 27, 1995. Evelyn was born in Santa Monica, California on February 18, 1923. She received her education there and resided in the Santa Monica area most of her life. Evelyn worked as a riveter during the second world war. She moved to the Lake Area in 1982 and has resided here since. Her favorite hobbies were gardening and crocheting and she spent many hours in these pursuits. She is survived by one son, Joseph Glasgow of Bakersfield; two daughters, Lorene Mitchell of Mt. Mesa and Virginia Davis of Corona; one brother, Bill Inglehart of Orange County; one sister, Dorothy Smith of Kernville; and by ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and friends. The services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Stanford C. Coleman

Stanford Clovis "Stan" Coleman was born August 12, 1916, to George and Esther (Rowe) Coleman in Cleveland, Mississippi. He passed away on Saturday, July 1, 1995, at the Good Samaritan Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at the age of 78 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Stan attended school in Mississippi and on December 31, 1942, he joined the United States Army serving in the Southwest Pacific until receiving an honorable discharge on July 3, 1945.

Stan and Cheryl Ann Bretz were united in marriage on November 19, 1977, in Lake Isabella, California.

During his lifetime, Stan worked as a garage mechanic for Southern California Edison.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beth Coleman; daughter Debra Coleman; son Calvin Coleman and five brothers. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl of Ainsworth, Nebraska; daughter Sharon Koncel of Wofford Heights, California; brother Travis Coleman of Saraland, Alabama; four step-children John Ditter of Grand Island, Nebraska; Jana Mitchell of Ainsworth; JoDee Saunders of Cleveland, Ohio and Julie Oseka of Cairo, Nebraska; 15 grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Wofford Heights. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family in his name. Hoch Funeral Home of Ainsworth was in charge of arrangements.

Stella Marie Abercrombie

Graveside services were held Monday, July 10, 1995, at 11 a.m. at Blue Mountain Cemetery in Woody, California, for Stella Marie Abercrombie of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Abercrombie was born November 11, 1930 in Bakersfield, California, and passed away on July 5, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 64 years of age.

Stella attended East Bakersfield High School and has lived in and around Kern County for 43 years. She was a member of the DAR and the Sierra Neighborhood Club in Woody, California.

Mrs. Abercrombie was preceded in death by her husband Jack Abercrombie. She is survived by her daughter Melissa McKinney of Lake Isabella; son Jake Abercrombie of Bodfish; son Patrick Abercrombie of Gilroy, California; son John Abercrombie of Arkansas; sister Navada Hand of Bakersfield; and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Clarence DeWayne Grigsby

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Clarence Grigsby, age 77, on July 11, 1995, at 10 a.m. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

DeWayne, as he was better known, was a native Californian. He was born in Orange, California, on October 29, 1917, and entered into rest on July 2, 1995, at the local hospital in Mt. Mesa.

During the early part of his life, he lived in Oregon, Kansas and Colorado. He returned to California in 1952 and settled in the Long Beach area where he remained until 1984 at which time he moved to the Lake Isabella area.

DeWayne served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a Sergeant. He had a great love for fishing and he followed all sports ardently. He attended Arizona Tech. for several years. His employment consisted of working in the oil fields for 20 years. He also was employed as a truck driver for several companies.

His hobbies were fishing and sports. He especially liked football and followed it very closely.

DeWayne is survived by two sons Raleigh of Bodfish, California, and Paul of Lemoore, California; one daughter Juanita Quinn, also of Bodfish; one brother Raleigh; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a great host of friends. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Edward Traver

Private inurnment was held for Lake Isabella resident Paul Edward Traver, age 78. Mr. Traver passed away at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa on July 8, 1995.

Paul was born in Harvard, Illinois, on July 16, 1916. He served his country from 1943 to 1945 as a Sergeant in the Army. He served during WWII.

Mr. Traver left Harvard, Illinois, when he was 38 years old and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived for five years. He then moved when he was 43 to Orange, California. He remained in Orange for 18 years. He came to the lake area in 1978 at the age of 61.

Paul worked as a barber. He also was an artist and a handyman. He boasted that he could fix anything. He also loved horseracing and frequented the track often.

He is survived by his son Phil of Wofford Heights and his four children — Courtney, David, Rachel and Steven; one daughter, Paula Espiritu and her son George Wooley. Also surviving Paul are four great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William F. Smith

Private family services will be held at a later date for William Franklin Smith, age 93, of Weldon. Born March 24, 1902 in Pocahontas, Arkansas, Mr. Smith was a 52-year area resident.

He was a retired construction worker and a resident of Weldon for over 35 years. He and his wife, Belvia, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on November 25, 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Belvia, of Weldon; son William F. Smith, Jr., of Weldon; son Billy Ray Smith of Fontana; daughter Vivian Short of Weldon; daughters Norma Hitchcock and Joyce Oliver, both of Rancho Cucamonga; and daughter Roxie Collins of Springfield, Oregon. He is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Jaco and Thelma Friar, both of Stockton; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

James A. "Jim" Berg

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Saturday, July 22, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. for Jim Berg, 57. He passed away in a Lakewood hospital on Wednesday morning, July 19. Jim was born in Faribault, Minnesota on October 10, 1937. He has resided in Garden Grove for the past 29 years and has been employed by Couts Heating and Air Conditioning for over 39 years. Jim enjoyed skeet shooting, fishing, drag racing, motorcycle racing and dune buggies and loved the out of doors. He and his family have been coming camping to the Lake Isabella area for years and they have owned property in Bodfish for the past six years. The following thoughts on paper entitled "Feelings" were written in loving tribute to Jim by Lena Distler on July 18, 1995.

You've heard the phrase 'It's the beginning of the end", well that's the phrase I think about now sitting in the hospital waiting for Grandpa to recover. Well, that's not really what I'm expecting I guess. I think of the beginning of the end; because it's the end of the rest of his life. But right now it's the end of the rest of his life. But why him, such a good man? He's never really done anything wrong. The pain he is probably going through; I am sure I can't even comprehend. Everyone is scared. He means so much to everyone; we're all just waiting and expecting. In his case we have need to expect the worst, but still why the worst for him? Such an honest decent person, you just wonder what he is thinking about and how much of this he really understands. It makes me wonder if I have really let him know how much he means to me. Will he die and never know how much I love him? Personal feelings have to be one of the hardest things to express, and now I don't think anyone really knows what the other person is feeling. The moans of his pain send chills down my spine, and the coughing make my eyes flood with sympathetic and scared tears. The mumbling when he talks make me think he really would be better off dead. The way we love him makes it so hard to let go.

Jim is survived by his wife Eva Berg of Garden Grove, one son James A. Berg Jr. of Fullerton, one daughter Loretta Fay and her husband Daniel of Riverside, his mother Eva Berg of Bodfish, two brothers Edgar Berg and William Berg and his wife Marcia all of Bodfish and by nine grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

George Washington Candelet

George W. Candelet, 77, died July 19, 1995 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, CA. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, July 17, 1918. An army veteran of World War II, George attained the rank of Sergeant with Battery A228 Field Artillery Unit. Battles included Central Europe, Normandy, Rhineland and Northern France. He earned EALE Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Soldiers Medal. He resided in Lambertville and Whiting, New Jersey until 1989, then moved to Lake Isabella. He was a member of the Lambertville, N.J. volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years. He also belonged to Leni Lanapi Lodge #15 order of Odd Fellows. He retired from Luggage Craft Corporation in Lanbertville, N.J. after 36 years as a luggage assembler and sewing machine operator. Son of the late William and Elsie Candelet, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Josephine Colello Candelet; two daughters, Joanne Teeples of El Monte, CA and Jeanne Burd of Sciota, PA; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; two sisters, Elsie Poland of Philadelphia, PA, and Blanche Kelly of Zylrhills, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. George will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina, CA.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1995

Zeta Mae Hall

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 21, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the South Fork Woman's Club for Zeta Mae Hall of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Weldon United Methodist Church. Zeta

on April 19, 1899 and passed away July 20, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, CA. She was 96 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 31 years and very active in community services. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Rebekah Lodge, South Fork Women's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club and Woman of the Year in the AARP in 1994. She was also president of the Jesters Band. She was preceded in death by her husband 20 years ago. She is survived by her adoptive daughter Ruth Johansen of Perth, Western Australia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, Ca 93240. Proceeds will go to a plaque on the Tree of Life. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Travis Shane Whitehouse

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 29, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Travis Shane Whitehouse of Riverkern. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Travis was born July 21, 1981 in Northridge, California, and passed away on July 25, 1995 in Bakersfield following an accident. Travis was 14 years old and was a student at Woodrow Wallace Jr. High.

He was a good athlete in all sports and he loved chocolate. He was a member of the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights.

Travis is survived by his mother Jeannie Whitehouse-Pagan and brother Ricky Whitehouse, both of Riverkern; his grandmother and grandfather Richard and Jean Grzeck of Woodland Hills, California; grandfather Wilford Pagan of New York; great-grandmother Mary Ramos of Las Vegas, Nevada; uncle Rudy and aunt Linda Pohlert of Agoura Hills, California; and many cousins. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary Jane Wolf

Memorial services were held Tuesday, July 25, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for Mary Jane Wolf of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Mrs. Wolf was born on October 29, 1913, in Los Angeles, California and passed away on July 20, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years and belonged to various Masonic and philanthropic organizations here in the valley.

Mary Jane is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Donald Auwarter of Arizona; three grandchildren Kane Auwarter of Montrose, California; Todd Auwarter of Washington; and Jennifer Shelby of Westlake Village, California; four great-grandchildren Carrie, Amanda, Kathleen and Taylor. She is also survived by her brothers Albert E. Kirby of Washington and Jack Kirby of Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Burn Center, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, California 90020, in memory of Princess Mary Jane Wolf, daughter of the Nile.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Estelle Hedges

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 25, 1995, at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Lake Isabella at 2:00 p.m. for Estelle Hedges of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge. Interment was Wednesday, July 26, 1995, at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Mrs. Hedges was born on May 10, 1887, in Oklahoma Territory, Oklahoma and passed away on July 22, 1995, at her home in Bodfish. She was 108 years of age. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years.

She is survived by her son Forest Hedges of Oklahoma; son Walter Hedges of Weldon; daughter Lorene Busby of Squirrel Valley; daughter Thelma Smith of Washington; daughter Lucille Shamblin of Bodfish; 27 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and three great-great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1995

Marcelle E. Engel

Long an important figure on the local art scene, Marcelle Eugenie Engel died at age 95 on July 27, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Engel had a long, productive and eventful career.

Born in Paris, France, nee Launspach, on December 23, 1899, she passed her childhood years in that city during World War I. She attended several art schools, graduating from the Paris Philippon Art Institute. She worked as a fashion designer and critic for the "Daily Mail" and "Figaro." She married Oliver Butler, Commerce Attache at the American Embassy. After a sojourn in Spain, the couple held various diplomatic posts in Latin America and the Philipines. Recalled to Washington, Oliver served as advisor to President Hoover. Marcelle taught French in the Berlitz Institute for several years and became an American citizen in 1933.

Upon her husband's untimely death, Marcelle moved to San Francisco and attended the Rudolph Schaefer Art Institute and was self-employed as a fashion designer. She returned to the Philipines by herself in 1938, where she rejoined her friends in the international community. She established an art studio, designed fabrics for the British-American Textile Firm in Manila, designed furniture for local manufacture and taught French and drawing in her spare time.

Marcelle was captured by the Japanese in 1942, following the fall of Manilla. She was offered an opportunity to declare herself a citizen of Vichy France and thus remain at liberty. She flatly refused, declaring herself a United States citizen and a supporter of the Free French. Consequently she was interned in the prison camp at Santo Tomas University until released in 1945 when the United States retook the Philipines. During her stay in the camp, she taught art and French in a high school set up by her future husband, Dr. Rene L. Engel. She made numerous sketches of life in the camp, which she has displayed in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Later she wrote a book about her internment and included many of the sketches in it. Upon release, General Douglas MacArthur awarded her the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, the Philipine Defense and Philipine Liberation medals for her contributions to maintaining morale in the camp.

In 1945, she returned to the United States, worked in the City of Paris Women's Store in San Francisco and continued with her drawing and painting. At a reunion of the prisoners of war, she met Dr. Engel again and they were married in December 1950. After a short time in Cuba, from which they were expelled by Batista, they settled in Wofford Heights. They established a tungsten mill on a hillside near Kelso Creek. In 1957, Dr. Engel began work in oceanography at the Naval Ordinance Test Station at China Lake and they moved there for a few years where she continued giving lessons in French and art. In 1966, Rene retired and they returned to Wofford Heights.

She continued her involvement with various art and historical groups and made many paintings of flowers and landscapes. Much of her earlier work was in portraiture, in micrographically detailed pen and ink sketches and paintings of scenes around the world. As she grew older and her eyesight began to deteriorate, she concentrated on floral studies. Although most of her earlier work was finely detailed, she became in the later years a neoimpressionist.

Marcelle was a member of the Cunningham Gallery in Bakersfield, Art Chairman, of the Kern River South Fork Womens Club in Weldon, a member of the Kern Valley Art Association in Kernville and of the Desert Art League in China Lake. When health permitted, she attended St. Jude Church in Wofford Heights. She spoke English, French and Spanish fluently. With her passage the area has lost a true citizen of the world and one of its cultural assets.

A memorial mass will be held at Saint-Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Thursday, August 3, 1995, at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Max E. Chappell

Funeral services were held August 8, 1995 at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California, for Max E. Chappell, age 72. He passed away on August 2, 1995, at his home in Weldon, California, after a lengthy illness. Max was born March 14, 1913 in Lyman, Utah. He loved the Kern River Valley and especially the view of the lake from his home in Weldon where he had lived for 5-1/2 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Democrat Club and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Chappell; his daughter, Evelynn Glynn, of West Hills, California; his daughter Sandra Hopkins of Norco, California; his brother Neill Chappell of Salt Lake City, Utah, and his sister Mildred Wood of Lyman, Utah; his stepdaughter Rebecca Winson of New York City, and his stepson James McKean of Santa Maria, California. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Elijah Chappell; a daughter, Peggy Starn; two grandsons, Scott Bufkin and Billy Chappell and recently by his stepson, Jack McKean, Jr.

Max's funeral was a family affair, with his son-in-law Robert Hopkins officiating. The eulogy was given by his son Russell, and the grave was dedicated by his brother Neill. His grandson Joshua Chappell read his favorite poem, "It Takes a Heap of Livin'" by Edgar Guest. Pall bearers were grandsons, Don and David Starn, and Bruce Bufkin, grandson Marine Jeremy Chappell, friend Earl Melson, and stepson James McKean.

Max farmed and broke horses as a young man in Utah. Later, he worked in the Los Angeles area as a manager for garment cutting companies.

He is also survived by dear friends Gloria and Earl Melson who brough Kathy and Max to the Lake Isabella area for the first time in July of 1989.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Valley. They made a great effort to make his last days comfortable. Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary.

Wanda Ruth Harrison

Wanda R. Harrison, age 67 of Bolivar, MO, died at 5:00 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 1995 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO, after a lingering illness.

She was born in Laclede County Missouri and was a retired waitress. She was a former resident of Kernville, CA and a member of the First Baptist Church of Kernville. She was also a past member of the Eastern Star at Jamesport, MO.

Surviving is her husband, Loomer Harrison of the home, two sisters, Mrs. Myra Erickson of Mission Viejo, CA and Mrs. Marilyn Stempel of Ottumwa, Iowa also two brothers, John W. Massey of Liberty, MO and Wilbert L. Massey of Springfield, MO.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 22, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. in the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO with the Rev. Ray Leininger officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Rose Cemetery at Lebanon, MO with the Rev. Don Anderson officiating under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Agnes Lenoir Parker

Private arrangements were made for Agnes Lenoir Parker of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Parker ws born October 7, 1908 in Perris, Texas and passed away July 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 5 years and a member of the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Bo Williams of Lake Isabella and daughter Mary Lou Hensley of San Fernando Valley, 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Joyce Rose Jones

Funeral services were held for Joyce R. Jones on Wednesday, August 2, 1995 in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Joyce was born on August 9, 1927 in North Loup, Nebraska to Sidney E. Wilson and Rua Alice Lane. Joyce married Clifford "Casey" Jones on February 4th, 1945, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

They lived in Bakersfield until 1971 before coming to the Kern Valley. They opened the Kern Valley Auto Body shop in Wofford Heights and operated it for many years until his retirement in 1990. Joyce was very active within the local community. She and Casey were always among the first sponsors for any community or charitable event. As a result of her community involvement, she was the first woman ever elected to be mayor of Whiskey Flat Days.

She has been fighting the cancer battle for several years and after a brief stay in Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, she died on July 29, 1995.

She is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, Clifford "Casey" Jones; their sons, Clifford "Pug" Jones and his wife Norma; and Keith "Mick" Jones and his wife Lynda; their daughter Debbra R. Jones who predeceased her; four grandchildren, Michael Jones, Cliffie Jones, Carrie Valdez and Sondae Jones, and five great-grandchildren. Her mother, Rua Collett, lives in Lake Isabella. Joyce is also survived by her sister Margery and family and her many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary. Donations may be made in Joyce's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1523 California Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

Forrest Byron Holmes

Memorial services were held Saturday August 12, 1995, at 11:00 A.M. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for Forrest Byron Holmes. Officiating was Dr. Marvin D. Moon. Mr. Holmes was born January 20, 1929 in Clovis, California and passed away August 8, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 5 years. He was a member of the Moose, California State Teachers Retirement Union, the Lake Isabella Symphony Orchestra and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. While in the Navy he played in the Navy band and he also played with several name bands during the Big Band era. He had a teaching career for 32 years in the Fresno and Big Bear areas. He is survived by his wife of 8 years Irene Holmes of Bodfish, son Zane Holmes of Cherry Valley, daughter Evette Rose of Big Bear Lake, step-son Steven Beck of San Diego, step-daughter Anne McCollum of Lone Pine, 2 brothers Bill Homes of Las Vegas and Jim Holmes of Clayton, Ca. Sister Mary Ann Smothers of Fresno and 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church or the Lake Isabella Symphony Orchestra. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Earle Stockman Parker

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Thursday, August 10, 1995, at 11:00 A.M. for Lake Isabella resident Earle S. Parker, 75. Private inurnment followed at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield. Earle was born July 19, 1920 in Fredrick, Wisconsin. He spent his early years in Dayton, Ohio and lived most of his adult life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Earle was a veteran of both the Second World War and the Korean War. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and then in the Navy during the Korean War. Earle worked for many years as an insurance agent. He was a very unique and special man and will not be forgotten by his loving family and friends. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past three years having moved here from Palmdale. He was a member of the Palmdale Lodge of the B.P.O.E. Earle is survived by his wife Gloria of Lake Isabella, by two sons Earle Parker of Palmdale and Brian Parker of Sylmar, two daughters Gale Gibson of Lake Isabella and Cynthia Moore of Lancaster, by one sister Cleo Law of Oregon and by seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and by many friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Amy M. Nyhuis

Private inurnment was held for Mrs. Amy M. Nyhuis, 76. She passed away at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital on Saturday evening, August 5. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 20, 1919. She attended school in Glenellyn, Illinois where she met and married her husband Peter. In 1944 she and her husband moved to Westchester, CA. In 1971 they started coming to their weekend retreat at Lake Isabella and in 1977 moved here. Amy loved to swim and enjoyed sailing. She was a member of the Wofford Heights Society of Christian Science, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Kaph chapter of Golden Slipper. She is survived by her husband Peter Nyhuis of Lake Isabella, by two sons Peter Andrew Nyhuis and Dean Allen Nyhuis, by three grandchildren, one great grandchild and by one great great granddaughter Malisa Marie Snyder and by many friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1995

Edgar Austin Rucker

Memorial services were held Saturday August 12, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Edgar Austin Rucker. Officating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church. Mr. Rucker was born March 16, 1914 in Dover, Tennessee and passed away August 9 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of Barstow for over 40 years before moving to the Kern River Valley in 1980. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, and instrumental in starting the Little League and was the district coordinator for the Boy Scouts, he was very involved in the community activities all in Barstow. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Jessie Rucker of Onyx, his daughters Carol Rabacker of San Bernardino and Alta Jean Richardson of Victorville and step-daughters Katherine Orton of Mt. Mesa, Linda Beacham of Meadow Valley, and Jane Hill of Ridgecrest, his brother Frank Rucker of Florida and 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eugene Henry Stemper

Memorial services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Monday August 7, 1995, at 1:00 P.M. for Eugene H. Stemper ,79. He passed away at his Kernville residence on Friday, August 2. Private inurnment was held. Eugene was born in California on July 30, 1916. He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator and had resided in Kernville for the past fifteen years having moved here from Bullhead City, Arizona. He loved to travel, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. Eugene is survived by his brother-in-law Albert Morgan of Rosamond and by several nieces and nephews and may friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Edward G. McCrory

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, August 7, 1995 at 2:00 P.M. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Edward G. McCrory, 74, of Wofford Heights. Mr. Ellis Mills, past master of the Kernville Masonic Lodge #827, F&AM officiated. The eulogy was given by Mr. Tom McKinney. Mr. McCrory was born March 12, 1921 in Ponchatoula, Louisiana and was a 19 year valley resident. He and his wife owned the El Vaquero Restaurant in Wofford Heights for 18 years. He was a member of the Kernville Lodge #827, F&AM. Mr. McCrory was also an avid bowler and a member of the Tournament Club. Survivors include his wife, Bea McCrory of Wofford Heights, his son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Sharon McCrory of Mandiville, Louisiana, daughters Laurie Kinney of Wofford Heights, Connie Peters of Valencia, Cindy Nelson of Gypsum, Colorado and Susie Burgos of Dallas, Texas, a sister Clara Lott and a brother William McCrory, both of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and 13 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Tanya Carleen Pippenger

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 1995, for Tanya Carleen Pippenger, age 19, of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. Marvin Flowers officiated at Holland & Barry Funeral Home, Lincoln, Illinois. Burial followed in Elkhart Cemetery, Elkhart, Illinois. Visitation was held on August 16, 1995, at the funeral home.

Tanya was born on July 14, 1976 in Lincoln, Illinois, the daughter of Jerry and Jan Johnston Pippenger. She passed away at 6:28 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 1995, in Sangamon Co., Illinois.

She was a 1994 grauate of Mt. Pulaski High School and was employed by Circuit City in Springfield, Illinois. Tanya was Best Model, Best Smile winner in the American Beauty Contest in 1987. She was Miss American Pageant Sweetheart runner-up only to her sister, Tiffani. She was also a member of the Outback Bungee Jumping Club.

She enjoyed sports – in and out of school – and was on many all-conference teams in various schools in California, Missouri and Illinois. She enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, the mountains, and the people she came in contact with. She left a good impression on all she met. Tanya loved life to the fullest.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Norman Pippenger and her uncle Mark Pippenger. Tanya is survived by her father and stepmother, Jerry and Caylyn Fuhrer Pippenger of Mt. Pulaski; her mother, Jan Pippenger of Bakersfield, California; paternal grandmother, Marianne Pippenger of Springfield; maternal grandmother Dorthy Johnston of Lincoln; paternal stepgrandmother Irene Pippenger of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; sister Tiffani Pippenger of Bakersfield, California; stepsister Tami Rogers of Los Angeles, California; stepbrothers Todd Snyder of Plant City, Florida; Deron Powell and Eric Powell, both of Bloomington, Illinois; uncles, Rob Pippenger of Missouri and Jim Pippenger of Elkhart, Illinois; nieces and nephew, Carly Powell, Sarah Snyder and Patrick Zelnick.

Memorials may be made to: Riverton Fire & Rescue Squad, Riverton, Illinois, or to the Mt. Pulaski Ambulance, Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

Edward Fenton Allard

Private interment will be held at a later date for Lake Isabella resident Edward F. Allard, age 72. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Monday morning, August 14, 1995. Edward was born in Los Angeles on August 28, 1922. He received his education there and spent most of his adult life in the Los Angeles area.

He was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Army and in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He was retired from Ralph's Grocery Stores where he worked for many years as a truck driver.

Edward was a past commander of the Granada Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He loved the out of doors and enjoyed fishing.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Aliene Allard, just four months ago. He is survived by three sons Tom Allard of Seattle, Washington; Mike Nelson of Commerce, Michigan; and John Allard of Tehachapi; by two daughters Charlen Tozier of Seattle, Washington; and Jackie Vogel of Woodland Hills, California; by nine grandchildren and many friends.

Private inurnment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1995

Edward M. Alsop

Funeral services for Edward M. Alsop, age 79, were held on Monday, August 21, 1995, at the 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed in the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. Officiating was Pastor Mel Rich of the Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene in Bakersfield and the Kern River Valley Lodge #827, F.&A.M.

A 20-year Wofford Heights resident, Mr. Alsop was born October 27, 1915 in Brooklyn, New York, and entered into rest on August 16, 1995, in a Bakersfield hospital. He entered the U.S. Army in 1934 as a private and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1964. Mr. Alsop was a member of the Retired Officer's Association, the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and the Shriners.

Survivors include his wife Ethel, with whom he shared 12 really good years; a son Richard Alsop of Bakersfield; a daughter Margaret Clark of San Diego; a step-daughter Diannah Close of Ontario; a step-son Charles Weiss of Hacienda Heights; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter Merissa. Mr. Alsop was a very giving man and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospital, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020.

Services under the direction of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Betty Marion Larsen

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Monday, August 21, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. for Mrs. Betty Marion Larsen, age 78. She passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Thursday morning, August 17, 1995. Betty was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 25, 1917, she spent her early years and received her education there.

In 1951, she moved to Los Angeles and resided there until coming to the lake area in 1972. Betty enjoyed the out of doors and loved to fish.

She is survived by her husband Arden of Wofford Heights; by one son Dave McVeety of Pocatello, Idaho; one daughter Kathy Stewart of Norco, California; by one sister Vivian Schutte of Santa Ana, California; by five grandchildren and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Raymond Boice Voyles

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Thursday, August 17, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. for Mr. Raymond Boice Voyles, age 69. Reverend Robert Coy, Pastor of the Wofford Heights Assembly of God officiated. Mr. Voyles was born in Lucora, Arkansas on November 5, 1925 and passed away at his Wofford Heights residence on Tuesday morning, August 15, 1995.

He was retired from ITT Gilfillan where he was employed for many years as a security guard. Mr. Voyles had resided in Wofford Heights since 1988 having moved here from Van Nuys, California.

He was predeceased by his wife Rita who passed away in 1994. Mr. Voyles is survived by one son and his wife Raymond J. and Mar.a A. Voyles of Palmdale; by two daughters Mona and her husband Myles Allen of Wofford Heights and Jennie Jones of Bodfish; by two sisters Mae Decker of Lancaster, California, and Juanita Eckstom of San Bernardino, California; by five grandchildren Lisa Howard, Kevin and Patrick Voyles and David and Cindy Allen; and by one great-granddaughter Meagan Howard, several nieces and nephews and by a host of friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1995

Lillian Pearl McVey

A visitation and wake service were held Thursday, August 24, 1995, at Valley Mortuary for Lillian Pearl McVey. A funeral mass was held Friday, August 25, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Officiating was Rev. Father Charles Casale. Interment and graveside services were Saturday, August 26, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, California.

Mrs. McVey was born in Sioux City, Iowa on December 21, 1916 and passed away in Mt. Mesa, California on August 23, 1995. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was an active member of the Moose, Elks, Eagles and Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society, prior to her illness she was past president of the South Fork Womans Club and past Kern District President of the SFWC.

She is survived by her son Harold McVey of Missouri; daughter Patricia Stickman of Temecula, California; daughter Mary J. Deese of Buena Park, California; daughter Sharon Lee McVey, also of Buena Park; daughter Christine Cheryl Middleton of Wofford Heights; 13 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was dearly loved by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

Eleanor Harris-Sanders

Memorial services were held Saturday, September 2, 1995, at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella for Eleanor Harris-Sanders. She was born in Lankenshire, England on December 19, 1911 and passed away in Mt. Mesa, California, on August 31, 1995.

She has been a resident of Weldon and the Kern River Valley for 25 years. She was a member of the Eagles and past president of the Women of the Moose.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter Jennie Grey of Bakersfield; her grandson Che Harris of Weldon; granddaughter Michele Vanerli of Mississippi; two great-granddauchters Megan and Stephine Vanerli of Mississippi; also her niece Jean Galusha of Westminister and her nephew Harold Richardson of Seal Beach, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gertrude Agnes Cunningham

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 31, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Gertrude Agnes Cunningham. Officiating was Pastor Jerry Ruff. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Cunningham was born December 7, 1923 in Los Angeles, California, and passed away August 28, 1995, in Bakersfield, California.

She has been a resident of Weldon for three years and a member of the Family Life Center and the Historical Society. She and her husband were retired pastors in the Four Square Churches in and around the country and she played the piano. At 69 years of age, she took her first river raft ride down the Kern River with her son and grandson. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Wheeland Keith

Private services and inurnment were held for Robert Keith, age 86, who entered into rest in Bakersfield at Memorial Hospital on August 25, 1995, at 3:25 in the afternoon.

Robert was born to Walter and Emily Keith on April 16, 1919, in Freeport, Illinois.

His early years and schooling were spent in Freeport, Illinois. Robert came to California in 1931 at the age of 22. He worked on a farm in Paso Robles, California, as a cowhand. After several years he moved to Ames, Iowa, and joined the Navy Sea Bee's and served his country overseas. While overseas, he earned the Victory Medal in WWII, Philippine Liberation, 2 stars and the Asiatic Pacific 1 star.

After World War II, he stayed in California where he owned and operated a paint store in Los Angeles. Later he worked at Don Lee's Paint Store in Tujunga, California. Then he worked at the Mullins Paint Store in North Hollywood.

He came to the lake area in July of 1995 and really enjoyed his two months in Wofford Heights. He really loved the lake area. He is survived by his daughter, Dorthy Crothers, who is moving at this time to reside in Kernville with her husband, one grandson, Jeff Crothers, of Three Rivers, California, and a granddaughter Lonnie Whitten of Tujunga, California.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jack Donald Kukura

Graveside services were held Friday, September 1, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Historical Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California for Jack Donald Kukura. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Kukura was born September 10, 1926, in Bell, California, and passed away August 28, 1995 in Ridgecrest, California. He has been a resident of Kernville for the past six years. He has been a member of the VFW Post #1732 in South Gate from 1945. Also he was an active member of the Gear Grinders Car Club #12 and the Kern River Valley Fish Hatchery and the Bakersfield Teamsters Retirees for 40 years and the Kern Valley Gun Club and the NRA.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Helen Kukura of Kernville; son John Kukura of West Plains, Missouri; daughter Christine Kuduk of Wrightwood, California; sister Mary Klingensmith of Long Beach, California and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ingeborg Charlotte Sanders

Private services and interment were held for Ingeborg Charlotte Sanders, age 59. She was born August 28, 1935 in Berlin, Germany and passed away at the local hospital on August 24, 1995.

Mrs. Sanders spent her childhood and early adult years in Germany where she met and married her husband who was a career Army man. In 1962 she moved with her family to the United States. She came to the lake area in 1980 from San Pedro and had been residing in Wofford Heights at the time of her passing.

She is survived by one daughter Barbara Sanders of Wofford Heights; one son Robert Sanders of Ridgecrest and by many friends.

Private inurnment was held. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Louis Henry Lease

Memorial services were held Sunday, September 10, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella for Louis Henry Lease. Mr. Lease was born August 7, 1929 in Saranac Lake, New York, and passed away September 5, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California.

He has been a resident of Wofford Heights for four years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and was very active in the senior dances and he and his wife took line dance classes.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Marilyn of Wofford Heights; his sons Dean Lease of Lakewood, California; son Barry Lease of Lake Tahoe; son Scott Lease of Wofford Heights; son Dana Lease of Carson City and daughter Laurie Lease of Wofford Heights and eight grandchildren and his mother Mabel Lease of Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Arthur Thomas Martin

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Friday, September 8, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. for Arthur Thomas Martin, age 34. Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Lake Isabella Southern Baptist Church officiated. Committal services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Casketbearers were his three brothers Charles Martin Jr., Jeffrey Martin, and Bradford Martin and friends Jerry Allen, J.R. Hansard, and Wade Michau. Arthur passed away in Silver Springs, Nevada on Saturday, September 2, 1995.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 11, 1960. While still an infant, he moved with his family to the Sunland, Tujunga area where he resided until coming to the lake area in 1969, where he has resided since. He was self-employed doing mobilehome set-up and installations.

Arthur is survived by his parents Charles J. Martin Sr. and Ethel Rosalie Martin of Lake Isabella; two sons Jacob Martin of Southlake and James Martin of Quincy, Washington; two daughters Charlene Martin of Quincy, Washington and Cheryl Martin of Southlake; three brothers Charles J. Martin Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jeffrey Martin of Bensalem, Pennsylvania; and Bradford Martin of Nashville, Tennessee; six sisters Jackie SanDiego of Tehachapi; Deborah Baker of Ridgecrest; Pamela Allen of Ridgecrest; Catherine Smith of Ridgecrest; Tammie Lathrop of Tehachapi; and Patty Burke of Ridgecrest. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Alonzo Lee Dixon

Memorial services were held at the Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Saturday, September 9, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. for Alonzo Lee Dixon Jr., age 82. Officiating were the officer and members of Eagles Aerie #3156, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #498, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665. Committal services and interment were held at Forest Lawn Sunnyside in Long Beach on Tuesday, September 12, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. He passed away at his Lake Isabella residence on Monday morning September 4, 1995.

Mr. Dixon was born in Butler, Missouri, on July 7, 1913. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Army during the Second World War and again served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mr. Dixon was a retired inspector for General Motors from which he retired after 32 years of service. He had resided in Lake Isabella since 1980. Mr. Dixon was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie Dixon of Lake Isabella; one son Steven Dixon of Westminster; three grandchildren and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Kurtis James Garrido

Services were held today at the Foursquare Gospel Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Kurtis James Garrido, age 1 year, 11 months, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Brian Polston officiating.

His short life came to an end early in the afternoon, Tuesday, September 12, 1995. His grandmother, Sharon Thompson, saw a runaway truck heading towards Kurtis. She made an attempt to rescue him, but was unsuccessful. In her attempt to rescue him, she too was run over by the unoccupied pickup, and remains in a Bakersfield hospital with a fractured back. Her motherly love forced her to endanger her own life in an attempt to save his.

Kurtis is survived by his loving parents, Jason and Tiffany Garrido, of Kernville. His maternal grandparents Jeff and Sharon Thompson of Lake Isabella; paternal grandparents George and Janet Kellogg of South Lake Tahoe, California; also several aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him.

Kurtis was born on October 4, 1993, in Layton, Utah and would have been 2 years old his next birthday.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dawn Beam

A memorial service for Dawn Beam will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20.

Dawn passed away at her home on September 16.

Born in 1941 in Ormstown, Quebec, Canada, Dawn came to the Kern Valley in 1965.

She was employed as a supervisory district clerk in the business management section of the U.S. Forest Service's Cannell Meadow District Office for 22 years and retired this March.

During her tenure at the Forest Service, Dawn received several awards for her exceptional service and will be fondly remembered for her cheery personality and ability to keep everyone laughing.

Dawn was also known for keeping a gallery over her desk of all the children born to Forest Service employees over the years.

She leaves to mourn her mother, Margaret Friedmann of Kernville, her beloved husband Denton, her three children, Dorelle Wallace of Lk. Isabella, Michael Robidoux and wife Coleen of Bakersfield, Monique Alvidrez and husband Gary of Kernville, one grandchild, Shae Wallace of Lk. Isabella, two brothers Arthur Hunter of Ottawa, Canada, and Kirk Hunter, of Ontario, Canada. Numerous other relatives and all of her many friends will deeply miss Dawn.

Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

William Herman Russell

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 14, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for William Herman Russell. Eulogy was given by Bob Salyer.

Mr. Russell was born April 20, 1915 in Pomona, California, and passed away in Wofford Heights on September 9, 1995. He was a resident of Wofford Heights for 18 years.

He was a retired Pipe Fitter and WWII Veteran. William was known very well at the Kernville Golf Course. He was past president and Corporation Director of the golf course.

William is survived by his wife of 43 years Frances and two sisters-in-law, Fern Allen of Torrance, California, and Faith Gold of Placentia, California. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

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Vera Jo Hoy

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, for Vera Jo Hoy at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Hoy was born July 27, 1932 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and passed away on September 9, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Weldon for 10 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Barney M. Hoy, of 28 years; daughter Robin Warino of Utah; daughter Carol Bak of Garden Grove, California; son Robert Corkhill of Hemet, California; son Kirk Hoy of Paso Robles, California; son David Hoy of Colorado; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother Ken Bledsoe of Weldon; sisters Mary Shanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Temecula, California. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sharon Kay Castle

Services for Sharon Kay Castle, age 59, were held on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, at the Eagles Lodge #3156 in Mt. Mesa at 2:00 p.m. with the Eagles officiating.

Sharon was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 8, 1936 and entered into rest early in the morning on September 15, 1995, at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield, California.

She left Detroit and came to California in 1959, settling first in Canoga Park, then in Covina and finally in 1975, she moved to the lake area.

She is survived by her son Bryan Boggs and daughter Cheryl Bonner, both of the Lake Isabella area.

Sharon belonged to the V.F.W., and was Past Madam President of the Eagles Lodge and also a member of the drill team which is an extension of the Eagles.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

Veva Jo Hoy

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, for Veva Jo Hoy at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Hoy was born July 27, 1932 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and passed away on September 7, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Weldon for 10 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Barney M. Hoy, of 28 years; daughter Robin Warino of Utah; daughter Carol Bak of Garden Grove, California; son Robert Corkhill of Hemet, California; son Kirk Hoy of Paso Robles, California; son David Hoy of Colorado; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother Ken Bledsoe of Weldon; sisters Mary Shanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Temecula, California. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elinor Lovell Hammond

Funeral arrangements were made for Elinor Lovell Hammond who passed away September 23, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Mrs. Hammond was born January 25, 1897 in Mayville, New York to Guy and Vesta Mills. Her brother was Leslie Mills and sister Isabell Hatsell. She has been a resident of Mt. Mesa for three years.

There will be graveside services on October 14, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, New York.

She was preceded in death by her son Theadore Baker in 1993. She is survived by her son Roger Baker of Port Charlott, Florida and daughters Roberta Angel of Bodfish and Mary Tenper of Talent, Oregon; 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Glen Brant Woodard

Private arrangements were made for Glen Brant Woodard, who passed away September 18, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Woodard was born May 4, 1918, in Torrance, California, and has lived 52 years in Kern County, the past eight years in Lake Isabella. He loved fishing here.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Louise Woodard of Lake Isabella; sons Robert Lee Woodard of Bakersfield and Frank Louis Woodard of Sacramento; daughters Leta Mae Cox and Glenda Carter, both of Salem, Oregon and 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; also sisters Elizabeth Havens of Bakersfield, Betty Snapp of Bakersfield, Mary Cannifax of Texas and Hazel Tackett of King City, California and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald R. Grenier

Donald R. Grenier passed away at his residence in Bodfish early in the morning of Monday, September 18, 1995. Private inurnment was held with interment to follow at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Don was born March 6, 1928, in Huntington, Massachusetts. He worked for the forest service in Massachusetts for 25 years coming to California in 1975, and to the lake area in 1987.

He and his wife Helen were married in 1978. Don was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Disabled American Veterans.

Don was an excellent fly fisherman having won several awards in Massachusetts for his prowess. He had a hobby of making farm implements, wagons, horses, etc. from toothpicks and popsicle sticks.

He leaves his wife Helen of Bodfish; two stepchildren Robert Bratkovic of Ballwin, Missouri and Carol A. Dicks of Augusta, Georgia; one sister Arlene Ahlfors of Prescott Valley, Arizona; three grandchildren and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ethor William (Bill) Singleton

Bill Singleton passed away in Delano early in the afternoon of September 28, 1995. Bill was born to Theopolis and Mary Singleton in Blacksprings, Arkansas, on August 2, 1922. He spent his early life there, but moved to Whitesboro, Oklahoma, where he attended grade and high school.

After graduation from high school, Bill joined the Air Force and served during World War II as a Captain. After his service time Bill moved to Van Nuys, California. Then he moved and lived in Wasco, California for a short time. He came to the lake area 40 years ago. While here he developed the Starr Drilling and Pump Company in Lake Isabella. Bill then became owner and operator of the Bodfish Water Company and remained so for 15 years. He sold the water company in 1992 at which time he retired.

Services were at the Church of the Nazarene at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 1995, with Pastor Jack Duitsman officiating. Burial followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Bill loved fishing and camping. He especially loved being a cattleman and horseman. He also loved to play dominos, especially when he won. He was a big framed man and it was said this was necessary to house the big heart that he had. He was a loving and kind father. He loved to help in community projects. He was responsible for the score board and announcer's booth at Kern Valley High School. He was a great booster of the Bronc's and Kern Valley F.F.A.

Bill is survived by his wife Diane of Bodfish; two sons, Leon of Visalia and Tony of Las Vegas; two daughters, Patricia Payne of Quitman, Texas, and Cynthia Barron of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Archie of Morenc Valley, California, and Ocus o Davis, California; one sister, Wilma Guthrie of Davis, California; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Geraldine Edith Metten

Geraldine Edith Metten, known as Jeirie to her family and friends, passed away on September 12, 1995 at Kern Valley Emergency Hospital, of cancer.

She was born on December 12, 1927 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Kathryn and Kyle C. Miller. She was married to Donald C. Metten on July 19, 1955 in Hollywood, California.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Metten of Lake Isabella; two sisters, June Clifford and Patricia Mazolla of Burbank; and a brother Donald Miller of San Francisco.

Jeirie was a retired supervisor for the Pacific Bell Telephone Company, where she had been employed for over 30 years.

Thomas Joseph Whyte

Thomas Joseph Whyte passed away in Lancaster, California at 7:30 a.m. on September 25. For the past month, he was living at the Lancaster Health Care Center to be near his son Ted.

Private inurnment was held with interment to follow at Inglewood Memorial Park in Inglewood, California.

Thomas was born September 15, 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to William and Mary Whyte. Tom came to Salinas, California, in 1963 where he remained until 1965 at which time he moved to the Los Angeles area. In 1985 he made his home in the lake area. Tom married his wife Mary after coming to California. She preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Kernville Historical Society. He also served his country in the Army during World War II as an E-5.

He is survived by three sons: Theodore Whyte of Lancaster, California; Leonard Whyte of Covina, California; Thomas Whyte of Memphis, Tennessee; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1995

Vivian Elizabeth (Harrison) Wayne

Private service was held for Vivan E. Wayne, aged 74. Vivian was born to Andrew and Ivy Harrison on April 8, 1921, in Shinnston, West Virginia. She passed away Thursday morning, September 21, 1995, after a lengthy illness at her home with her family in Wofford Heights.

Vivian moved to the Kern River Valley with her husband Mel and son Michael from Mar Vista, California, in 1973. She was employed as the store manager at Helen's Gift Shop in Wofford Heights and later joined Radio Station KVLI as their first radio announcer and was KVLI's first "Swap Shop Show" hostess. She had also worked at radio stations in West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois and California. Vivian met her husband Mel in 1950 at WRST Radio in Chicago. They were married in Paris, Illinois, November 18, 1951.

Vivian was a member of the Genealogical Society of Lake Isabella and a member of WHIGs. She was a past officer of the Emblem Club 154 of Elks Lodge 906 in Santa Monica, and LOE - KRV Elks Lodge 2358.

She is survived by her husband Mel and son Michael of Wofford Heights and daughters Jean McHugh of Prescott, Arizona, and Carolyn Day of Cadillac, Michigan; and Michele Earley of Aliso Viejo, California; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Vivian is also survived by her brothers Bob and Richard Harrison and families of Shinnston, West Virginia, along with many, many friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Edward D. Norris

Graveside funeral services and interment were held on Tuesday, October 10, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for 42-year lake area resident, Edward D. Norris, age 81. He passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Thursday evening, October 5, 1995.

Edward was born in Boone, Iowa, on July 22, 1914. He met and married Elizabeth Fenner in Sturgess, South Dakota in 1940. Many will remember her as the Postmaster of Bodfish when the post office classification was changed from fourth class to third class. In honor of her, the Elizabeth Norris Road was named. It is the road between the two parks in Lake Isabella, and serves as an on-ramp to Highway 178.

Edward loved to hunt, fish and garden. He had a great degree on proudness when he would pick a carrot from his garden even though it may have cost him ten dollars to raise it. He drove a school bus for 23 years for the Kernville Union School District.

He is survived by one son and his wife Eddie and Dee Norris of Norris Sign Company of Bodfish; three grandchildren Carrie Lee Hunt and Stacie Lorrain Bohn of Lake Isabella and Justin Edward Norris of Bodfish; three great-grandchildren Kaila Lin Hunt, Nathan Lloyd Hunt and Morgan Lee Hunt, all of Lake Isabella and by many loving friends who will greatly miss him.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William David Mershon

Graveside services were held on Thursday, October 5, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, for Mr. William David Mershon. Officiating were the officers of the Kern River Valley Moose Lodge #498.

Mr. Mershon is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Pauline E. Mershon; son Dave Mershon of Bodfish; sister Harriet Hunter of Portsmouth, Ohio; brother Dan Mershon of Salt Springs, Florida.

William was born February 28, 1915, and passed away on September 30, 1995, at his home in Bodfish, California.

He was a member of the F.O.E. #935 of Redondo Beach, California, as well as F.O.E. #3156 of Mt. Mesa. He was also a member the Elks in Wofford Heights and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella.

William Mershon will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Vera Melgosa

Memorial services were held Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 11:30 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Vera Melgosa. Officiating was Rev. Father Charles Cadale of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She was born November 28, 1911 in Mexico and passed away October 2, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. She enjoyed her family, her cactus garden and her Desert Tortoises.

Vera is survived by her husband of 63 years, Alfonso Melgosa of Weldon; her son Robert Melgosa of California; and three daughters, Lola Bonfield of Carson; Virginia Harmening of Bakersfield; Gloria Campbell of El Toro, California; two sisters Ann Wyatt of Bend, Oregon and Jennie Espinoza of Hot Springs, South Dakota; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1995

Ryan Emery Loren Young "Burke"

Services were held for Ryan Young at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, at the Mt. View Baptist Church, with Senior Pastor Daryl Lackey officiating along with Associate Pastor Bert Simpson and Youth Pastor Jeff McCulty. Ryan was involved in an auto accident the day following his 18th birthday, on September 28th, and never regained conciousness. He entered into rest in Bakersfield on October 6, 1995.

He was born in Westminster, California, on September 27, 1977. He lived his early life in Long Beach, moved to Ontario when he was 1-1/2 years old. Then at age five, he moved to Bloomington, then to San Bernardino. At 12, he moved to Phelan, where he lived for two years before moving to the lake area in 1991. Ryan was baptized at the age of one as a Catholic. He made a commitment to the Lord and was baptized in a Baptist Church on September 15, 1989, while visiting in Georgia.

Ryan was a senior at Kern Valley High School where he was a member of the wrestling team. He also sang in the choir. He was a member of the FFA for two years. Ryan loved fishing, and was an avid swimmer. He also enjoyed dirt bike riding, as well as biking in general. He was very athletic and loved skiing and snow boarding. He also liked to go horse back riding and especially loved his animals at home. Ryan worked as a handyman and repair service.

He is survived by his mother Sherry Burke; grandparents Joe and Doralee Parkerson, of Georgia, and Wilmerith Christian; great-grandmother Una Butler; four brothers William Young of Seattle, Washington; Brad Burke of Houston, Texas; Howard Burke of Columbus, Georgia; and Brian Burke of Houston, Pennsylvania; six sisters Emma Young of Macon, Georgia; Lillian Burke of Wofford Heights; Cindy and Charlene Burke, both of Houston, Pennsylvania; and Kathy and Tia Burke of Houston, Texas. Also surviving Ryan are several aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Walter Stille

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. for Weldon resident Walter Stille, age 53. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter passed away at his residence on Sunday morning, October 1, 1995. He was born in Grand Haven, Michigan, on December 22, 1941. He spent his early years and received his education in Michigan and at the age of 23 came to California, first settling in Torrance and then moving to Long Beach in 1980. Walter had lived in the lake area for the past seven years. Walter was a loving husband and father and enjoyed the out of doors and working in his garden.

He is survived by his wife Linda of Weldon; sons Allen Stille of Fruitport, Michigan; Donald Stille serving in the U.S. Navy; John Reyes and Manuel Reyes of Yucca Valley; daughters Susette Russel of Harbor City, California and Wendy Reyes of Lake Havasu, Arizona; three brothers Jim of Weldon; Steve of Reno, Nevada; and Rich of Michigan; two sisters Marlene Hampton of Dayton, Ohio, and Janet Stille of Ridgecrest; six grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Lloyd LeEarl Adams

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 11, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Lloyd L. Adams. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Mr. Adams was born April 21, 1918 in Lake Preston, South Dakota and passed away October 6, 1995, in Delano, California. He was 77 years old. He retired from McDonnell Douglas after 25 years. He has been a resident of Kernville for 12 years. And a member of the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. He was a Master Craftsman.

Mr. Adams was survived by his wife of 53 years Larene Adams of Kernville; sons Randy Adams of Echo Park, California, and Dennis Adams of Palmdale; daughter Sharon Murray of North Hollywood; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1995

John Sabath

Graveside services were held Thursday, October 19, 1995, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Sabath. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Sabath was born on March 1, 1915 in Benld, Illinois and passed away on October 14, 1995, in Wofford Heights. A resident of the Kern River Valley for 16 years, he was retired from the Coast Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ann in 1993. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Penny Sabath of Red Bluff, California; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Elaine Sabath of El Centro, California; two sisters Marian Hemple of Chicago and Ann Komlose of Iowa; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Lucille Moore

Memorial services were held in the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Helen Lucille Moore, age 85, of Mt. Mesa, on Saturday, October 28, 1995, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating. Order of the Eastern Star services were also conducted.

Lucille was born on February 16, 1910 in Rector, Arkansas, and passed away on October 26, 1995, in a Bakersfield hospital. Lucille took nurses training in Memphis, Tennessee and married Robert H. Moore on September 22, 1934 in Kennett, Missouri. They lived in Ridgecrest for 23 years before moving to Mt. Mesa in 1969.

She was a long-time member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church and an active member of the Eastern Star where she worked since 1958 with the Cancer Dressing Station at the Masonic Lodge. Many Kern Valley residents benefited from those dressings and any that weren't used in the valley were sent to the Cancer Society in Bakersfield. Lucille ran a day care center in her home at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station for 18 years.

Lucille is survived by her husband, Bob Moore, to whom she was married for 61 years; her sister, Etola Shaw of La Mirada; her brother, Delbert Harber, of silver City, New Mexico; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to either the Cancer Dressing Station in care of the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge or to the memorial fund of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Ernest Klasen

Private services were held for Ernest Klasen, age 65, who entered into rest at his home in Weldon early in the morning, Saturday, September 21, 1995, with his wife and two of his sons by his side.

Ernest Klasen was born to Ernest and Senta Klasen on March 30, 1930, in Los Angeles, California. He spent his early years in Los Angeles and received his schooling in Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Ernest had various employers in the motion picture industry as a prop maker. He served his country in World War II in the Navy as a ship's cook.

He particularly liked anything to do with water. Fishing was one of his favorite pastimes. He was also a member of the Drag Boat Association. He came and made his home in the lake area in 1994.

Mr. Klasen is survived by his wife Joan of Weldon; son Bill Moore of Rockford, Illinois; son Kirt Moore of Lompoc, California; son Steven Elliott of Rialto, California; daughter Patty Jo DeLong of Durham, California; daughters Barbara Watkins and Betsy Booth, both of Rosamond, California; daughter Susan Quinland of Westlake, California. Also surviving him are 14 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Arthur Freier

Arthur Freier, age 74, resident of Wofford Heights, died on Wednesday, November 1, 1995. He was hit by a motor vehicle while assisting as a Citizen Patrol Volunteer. He was born in Box Elder, Montana, on July 4, 1921, to John and Mathilda Freier. He attended Box Elder schools and graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre, Montana. He married Irene Fisher of Butte, Montana, in 1948 and moved to Los Angeles, California. He taught mathematics in the Los Angeles Unified School District for over 30 years and retired as Math Supervisor in 1981. Irene died in 1988. In 1991, he married Lois Whitman of Van Nuys, California, and the two retired to Wofford Heights.

He is survived by four children: Elaine Cox of Anaheim, California; Gary Freier of Wofford Heights, California; Martin Freier of Agua Dulce, California; and Stacy DiRezze of Gardena, California; five grandchildren: Patricia Lynn, Laura Anne, Gregory Allen, Ruben Arthur, and Daniel James; two stepchildren: Carl Whitman of Simi Valley, California, and Sarah Stephenson of Marin County, California. Arthur is also survived by four brothers: Herbert Freier, Edwin Freier, Donald Freier and Adolph Freier, all of Montana; and one sister Anna Shelsted of New Mexico. He is preceded in death by brothers John, Ruben and Otto Freier.

His life was dedicated to community service to benefit the well-being of others. His family, faith and friends were foremost in his life. He was an active member in many organizations including: Citizen Patrol Unit of Kern County, Wofford Heights Improvement Group, Elks Lodge, VFW, Germans from Russia Organization, and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Services were held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, on Sunday, November 5, 1995, at 2 p.m. He will be buried at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A memorial fund has been established by the Kern County Sheriff Department.

Arrangements by Valley Mor-

Gladys Banks

Funeral services for Gladys Banks, age 75, were held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at Miller-Jones Mortuary Chapel in Hemet, California. Officiating was Tom Hilterman. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in North Hollywood, California. She died of pneumonia on Saturday, October 21, 1995, at her home in San Jacinto, California.

Mrs. Banks, who was born on August 7, 1920, in Shellknow, Missouri, lived in San Jacinto for 10 years. She lived in Southlake, California, at least 10 years prior to 1985, and had many friends here in the valley. She was a secretary for McDonnell-Douglas for 20 years. She was a member of the Culver City Baptist Church.

Gladys is survived by two sons, Thomas L. of Huntington Beach and David L. of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five brothers, Floyd Kimball of Hemet; Ireland Kimball of Kansas City, Missouri; Roland Kimball of Springfield, Missouri; Larry Kimball of Independence, Missouri; and Claye Kimball of St. Ann, Missouri; two sisters, Mary Sue Grant of Kansas City, Missouri, and Wilma Stringer of Elephant Butte, New Mexico; six nieces and seven nephews.

Jack Bess

Private services were held for Jack Bess, age 78, who passed away early on Thursday morning, November 2, 1995, at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Jack was born in Eufaula, Oklahoma, to William and Emma Bess on May 28, 1917. He received his education in Eufaula and remained there until 1936 at which time he came to Bakersfield and ran a cotton gin until 1955. Jack then opened Von Bess Kennels in 1955 and operated it until his retirement in 1979. For the next 15 years, he and his wife traveled back and forth between Bakersfield and Oklahoma enjoying his retirement. For the past few years they lived in the lake area.

He served his country from 1940 to 1945 as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army where he received several decorations and citations. Among them was the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Ribbon, Eame Service Ribbon and Four Bronze Service Stars. He was wounded during the Eame Theater.

Jack is survived by his wife Mary of Onyx; sons Jack Bess Jr. and Stanley Bess, both of Bakersfield; one daughter Sherry Valadez of Los Angeles; sisters Jewel Godfrey of Oklahoma and Mary Jagow of Bakersfield; brothers Fred Bess of Bakersfield, George Bess of Oklahoma and Claude Bess of Weldon; seven grandchildren adn five great-grandchildren.

He loved to plant and grow plants as a hobby. Jack also loved to fish. Another of his favorite pastimes was to tease whoever he loved and held close to his heart. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Lupe Obregon

Private arrangements were made for Lupe Obregon of Lake Isabella. Mr. Obregon was born August 30, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas, and passed away on October 30, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Obregon has been a resident of the Kern River Valley since moving here from Sunland in 1980.

He was in the Air Force during the Korean War. He is a member of the Eagles Aerie #3156 and the Moose #498 and the American Legion. He played in all the pool tournaments around the valley.

Lupe is survived by his wife of two years Connie of Lake Isabella; his daughters Melv Costa of Aqua Dulce, Lupe Bright of Canyon Country; stepdaughter Mary Aguilar of Corona; two brothers Santiago Obregon and Joe Obregon, both of Texas; sister Lena Cruz of Texas and nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held Friday, November 3, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ethel Maude Read

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 2, 1995, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ethel Maude Read. Officiating was Ken Bushling. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Read was born December 5, 1919 in Alpena, Arkansas, and passed away on October 30, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years after moving here from Oceanside.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ken Bushling of Lake Isabella; sisters Dena DeCapua of Oceanside; Vonda Tate and Alma Hulsey, both of Arkansas; brother Uri Widner of Arkansas; four grandchildren: Scott Haidze, Karla Cross, Kenny Bushling and Cindy Kuhar; and eight great-grandchildren.

Margaret C. Boyd

Services were held on November 3, 1995, at Valley Mortuary for Margaret C. Boyd, age 82. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. She was born on September 12, 1913 in Sinks Grove, West Virginia. She passed away at her place of residence on October 28, 1995.

Margaret was a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years. She was a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son Bill Boyd of Burbank, California; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Shaun William Liske

Services were held for Shaun Liske, age 16, on Tuesday, November 14, 1995, at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Kernville, with Pastor John Carpenter officiating. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Shaun was born in Lancaster, California, on January 10, 1979. Shaun passed away on November 7, 1995, in Weldon. He was truly an exceptional individual in keeping with family tradition. He was loved by his peers and respected by the entire community.

Shaun was an honored athlete, a tournament fishermen, and an outstanding young man. As a junior at Kern Valley High School, he lettered in cross country, track and basketball.

He is survived by his parents Mike and Renea Liske; two brothers Erik and Brian Liske of Weldon; grandparents Maurice and Shirley Corbisier of Lancaster; grandmother Betty Climer of Rosamond, California; and grandfather Raymond Climer, also of Rosamond. Other survivors include his aunts and uncles, Rod and April of Colorado; Debbie Liske of Seattle, Washington; Kim and Jeff Garcia and Stuart Noel, all of Lancaster, California; Mike and Barbara Noel of Redwood City, California; Gary and Jeanne Gomez of Palmdale, California; Vicki and John Hjelmstrom of Castaic, California; great uncle Mervin Landerman of Weldon. He is also survived by numerous cousins, fellow classmates and friends.

A trust has been established at ValliWide Bank, at 6100 Lake Isabella Blvd. in Lake Isabella, CA 93240, to help the Liske family at this time of great loss.

Shaun will be greatly missed by his family and all of his friends here in the valley.

Funeral services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Benton Ernest Webb

Private services were held for Benton Webb, age 78, who entered into rest in Bakersfield on November 7, 1995.

He was born in Redlands, California. Benton received his schooling in Redlands and Stockton, California. He lived in the Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica area from 1935 to 1984, when he moved to the lake area.

His work was that of construction in the building trade. It was like a hobby to him. Even at 72, he was helping put a roof on his grandson's house and he was in control of those who were working with him. One highlight of his life was when he got stuck in his attic in Bodfish and the fire department had to come and get him. He was often reminded of this by his family.

Benton is survived by his wife Minnie Mae Webb; daughters Romonia Chapin of Dalesville, Indiana; Janet Beaman of Las Vegas, Nevada; Carol Coan of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Susan Lambert of Malibu, California; brother Ray Webb of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sisters Marion Schimpf of Homeland, California; and Eathel Shea of Palmdale, California; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

LeRoy Chaffin

There will be a memorial service held for friends and family of LeRoy Chaffin at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Friday, November 24, 1995, at 11 a.m.

All are welcome.

Birdie Blair Malahni

Birdie Blair Malahni, age 68, of Kernville, California, died on Friday, November 3, 1995, in Kern Valley Hospital, in Mt. Mesa.

She was born in San Pedro, California, on June 22, 1927, the daughter of Bertha and John Blair. She married Mike (Marco P.) Malahni in 1944 in South Dakota.

Birdie attended the Los Angeles Police Academy and served as a L.A. police officer from 1952 to 1957. She was recognized as the first female toll bridge collector on the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Birdie also worked as a real estate agent.

Mike retired from his position as a captain for the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1974. Shortly thereafter both Birdie and Mike moved to Kernville. They built a house and she lived in it for over 21 years. Birdie enjoyed fishing, baking, dominos and cribbage.

Mike preceded her in death in 1990. she is survived by her three daughters, Jonni Ann Bruno of Camarillo, California; Donna M. Jackson of Kernville; Jean Malahni of Los Gatos, California; and seven grandchildren.

An intimate gathering was held on Sunday, November 5, 1995, in Kernville. She was well respected and admired by family and friends. Her humor and generosity will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Los Angeles Firemen's Widows and Orphans Fund or the Los Angeles Police Department's Museum Fund.

Arthur Esponda

Services were held on Friday, November 10, 1995 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home's Rose Chapel for Arthur Esponda. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter, of the United Methodist Church of Kernville. Arthur passed away in Bakersfield on November 7, 1995, at the age of 80. He was born in Poso Flat, California, a small area north of Glenville, California.

Arthur, who was nicknamed "Chipmunk" has lived in this area all of his life. He was a Native American Indian. He became a cowboy at the age of 11 and worked at many of the ranches in the Weldon area. Some of the ranches where he worked were the A Brown Ranch, Rudnick Range, Peterson Ranch, Prince Range and the Kissack Ranch. He loved to fish and hunt in his spare time. Arthur was a member of the Eagles and the Moose.

He is survived by his son Claude Esponda of Kernville; brother Johnny Esponda of Bakersfield; sisters Luty Peterson of Kernville and Marcelene Ames of Pico Rivera; and two grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Clarence D. (Clem) Loy

Clarence D. (Clem) Loy, age 77, of Weldon, passed away on November 6, 1995, at San Joaquin Community Hospital. He was born in Los Angeles, California, on October 30, 1918, and married Barbara on August 10, 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Clem retired from Pacific Telephone Company after 33 years, starting his career as a lineman and retiring as a communications engineer. He and Barbara moved to Lake Isabella in 1975 where they have enjoyed the last 20 years together.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Barbara; daughters and husbands Susan Loy and Allan Love; Mary Ellen Loy and Joe Stearns; daughter Eileen Zurek and partner Susan McAllister; grandchildren Lisa and Mark Morse, Michael Frick, Melanie and Brian Zurek, and Michael and Mark McAllister; cherished great-grandson Quinn Morse and special nephew David Smith; brother J. Milton Loy and sister Bessie Rogers.

According to Clem's wishes, no services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to: USC/Norris Cancer Center, P.O. Box 80220, Los Angeles, CA 90080.

Calvin C. Lembke

Calvin C. Lembke, age 71, died suddenly of a massive heart attack on November 13, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa, California. Calvin was born to George and Ethel Lembke at the farm home on November 4, 1924, in Griswold, Iowa. He married Shirley James of Oakland, Iowa, on January 7, 1950. They lived in Griswold, Iowa, and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he started his career as a carpenter in the Omaha area. They then moved to California in 1968, where he continued carpentry and drywall, until he retired after some 30 years.

Services were held on Tuesday, November 21, 1995, at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Survivors, other than his wife Shirley of Bodfish, are their daughter, Roxanne Louise and their son-in-law Robert G. Ward of California City, California; one namesake grandson, Mick Calvin Doiel who resides in Lake Los Angeles, California. Other survivors include brothers, Virgil Lembke, and wife Helen of Cumberland, Iowa; Doyle Lembke and his wife Barbara of Carson, Iowa; sisters Charlotte and her husband Paul Woods of Emerson, Iowa; Dorothy and her husband Viril Liddell of Harland, Iowa and Verda Clayton of Pico Rivera, California; sister and brother-in-law, Eloise and Kenneth Elswick of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Ethie; three brothers, Orlan, Merle and Dwight Lembke; two sisters, Delphia (Dolly) Hughes and Velda Williams.

Calvin enjoyed traveling, but mostly, he loved to work outdoors, working with his woodcraft in and around the home. He was a very loving husband and father.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

LeRoy Chaffin

Loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather pased away on November 1, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Services were held on November 7, 1995, at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

LeRoy was born on October 3, 1919, in Longmont, Colorado. In January 1990, he lost his loving wife of 49 years, Lucille Chaffin. They moved to Weldon 15 years ago, after residing in Downey, California, for 35 years.

He was a member of the Dam Dancers, the Eagles and the Moose Lodge. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Della Chaffin of Paramount, California; Larry and Louise Chaffin of Hacienda Heights, California; daughters and son-in-law Lynn Streetz of Weldon; and Cindy and Alan Rowles of Weldon; four grandchildren Michael Chaffin of Paramount, California; Shannon Rowles of Weldon; David Chaffin of Hacienda Heights, California; and Jason Rowles of Weldon; one great-grandson Mikey Chaffin of Paramount, California; brothers Elwood Chaffin of La Habra, California; Warren Chaffin of La Mirada, California; brother-in-law George DeWald of Weldon; and his dear friend Delores Tillman of Onyx.

The pall bearers in Inglewood were Michael Chaffin, David Chaffin, Jason Rowles, Bob Thompson, Eddie Sanchez and Jim Gordon.

There will also be a memorial service held for LeRoy at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Friday, November 24, 1995, at 11:00 a.m.

He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

Anthony Edward Coleman

A new star glimmers in the heavens following the passing of Anthony Edward Coleman, age 23, on November 11, 1995, in Glendale, California.

Born in Fontana, California, Tony brought joy to his mother's life on August 1, 1972. By junior high, computing had caught his imagination and he was writing and selling games to his friends. Following high school, he took up the challenge of applying his computer knowledge to the business world where he eventually became the On-Line Networking Systems Administrator for PBS MathLine for teachers, PBS Express, and KCET on-line at KCET-TV, Los Angeles. With a career but a few years old, he sat on the threshold of unlimited success when his life was so unexpectedly ended by a motorcycle accident.

Smart, funny and charismatic, Tony immediately won the hearts of those who met him. He loved life, country music, dancing, people and he would combine them as often as possible. His quick smile will live forever in the hearts of his mother and father Teri and Bill Vellutini of Bakersfield; the sparkle of his blue eyes are forever captured in the memories of his grandparents, Emily and Don Diggles of Bodfish and Leo and Jeanne Gorman of El Centro; his infectious laughter will echo in the ears of his sisters, Tina Coleman of Newport Beach and Almitra Vellutini of Costa Mesa; his passionate loving heart reached forever to his friend Erika Epes of Glendale; and, his gentle nature will forever caress and touch all his many friends and family.

A celebration of the joy that was his life was shared by family and friends at his Grandmother Diggles house in Bodfish on Saturday, November 18, 1995.

Selma Opal Allemann

Funeral services for Selma Opal Allemann, age 73, of Wofford Heights, were held on Tuesday, November 14, 1995, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella with Dr. Marvin D. Moon officiating. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. A 20-year valley resident, Selma was born on April 3, 1922 in Hermann, Missouri, to Minnie and Edwin Allemann.

Selma was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary where she had approximately 4,000 hours of volunteer work and had hoped to donate up to 5,000 hours. She also volunteered at the Kern River Valley Historical Society in the Gift Shop. She never missed a dance at the Senior Center and was an active member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and participated in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Armin and Raymond, and by her sister, Florence. Survivors include her brothers Elmer and Roy Allemann, both of Missouri; her sisters, Betty Baer of Missouri, Evelyn Davis of Anaheim and Viola Vehlewald of Wofford Heights; her godchild, Julia Dumke of Lancaster; 15 nephews and nieces and many great-nephews and great-nieces and a great-great-nephew, Chris Vehlewald, who always made Selma smile by calling her "Grandma Selma."

Memorial donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Dorothy Dee Pate

Dorothy passed away on November 13, 1995, at the age of 70. Private service and inurnment. Burial at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

She grew up in New Mexico. She worked for her father in his small restaurant as a quick fry cook.

Dorothy was a seamstress and loved to make clothes for the dolls she collected. She also loved to play cards, and could have a few choice words for those who didn't concentrate on the game.

She was loved and will be missed by her family. Two daughters, Georgia Barrentine and Frankie Biehahn; her grandson Kelley Pate whom she raised; four other grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Betty Weber

Betty Weber passed away on November 13, 1995. She is survived by her sons Ron and Dick Weber, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother and three sisters. A memorial service was held Friday, November 17, 1995, at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel in Culver City, California.

Thelma Marie Strobridge

Thelma Strobridge, age 75, passed away in the afternoon of Monday, November 13, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Services were held on Friday, November 17, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Brian Palston, of the Four Square Family Life Center officiating. There was also a burial service at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro, California, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 1995.

She was born to Joe and Mary Ramey on July 26, 1920. Most of Thelma's early years were spent in Brinkley, Arkansas. She received most of her schooling in Memphis, Tennessee. Thelma worked in Memphis at the Ford Motor Company for 20 years. The later part of that time, the Ford Motor Company transferred her to Ohio, where she remained until 1970.

Thelma moved to Torrance, California, in 1970, where she met and married George Strobridge in 1973. She has been a member of the Four Square Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for 11 years. Her hobbies were her active church work and tending to her yard.

She is survived by her husband George Strobridge and her brother, Bill Ramey of Las Vegas, Nevada; and many of her church family friends. Thelma will be missed by all.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wallace Carl Pommerville

Wallace Carl Pommerville died November 10, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital. He was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on April 22, 1913.

He is survived by his wife Ginger. Both were residents of Santa Barbara from 1950's to October 1979, when they made Lake Isabella their home.

Wally is also survived by a brother in Indiana and five of six children, two stepchildren and many grand and great-grandchildren.

In his younger years, Wally was a carpenter under the architect Richard Neutra who built the Crystal Cathedral in Los Angeles. He built several homes here and designed and built Dr. Lee Ho and Dr. Waggoner's offices.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mitchell, Kern Hospice and the Kern Valley Hospital for all their loving care and the many thoughtful friends who have expressed their concern.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Curtis Lynn (Tex) Downey

Curtis Downey, age 84, entered into rest on November 20, 1995, at his home in Lake Isabella. He was born to John and Jessie Downey on December 1, 1911, in Ringold, Texas. Services were held at the Masonic Temple in Kernville on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

Tex, as most knew him, lived in the lake area for 35 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville; also the local Moose, Elks, V.F.W. and American Legion. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and bowler. He was Past President of the Kern Valley Golf Course, wrote sports articles and columns in the Kern Valley Sun newspaper.

He loved his family very much. He is survived by his wife Mary of Lake Isabella; children Patrick and Marlene of Huntington Beach, California; Dan and Davey Myers of Pacific Grove, California; Don and JoDee Myers of Fallbrook, California; brother Milas Downey of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Tex also loved his service time in the Navy. He achieved the rank of Commander and was very proud of his achievements.

Interment was Tuesday, November 28, 1995, at Riverside National Park Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jimmie Lee Goad

Jimmie Goad, age 71, entered into rest early on Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 1995, at his home in Wofford Heights. He was born to Edward and Dottie Goad on January 1, 1924 in Arkansas where he attended school.

He later met and married Georgia Lee McBride in 1942 at Galveston, Texas. He worked 45 years for International Harvest Company and various other companies as a produce truck driver.

At least three times a month, he and his son Jimmie R. would go fishing which he enjoyed. He also loved his home and always had a yard well kept.

Jimmie is survived by his mother Dottie Goad of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sons Jimmie R. Goad of Wofford Heights; Eddie Goad of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Tommie Goad of Purcell, Oklahoma; sister Velma Williams, also of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Opal Francis Clark

Opal Clark, age 69, passed away early in the afternoon on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 1995, in the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield.

She was born in Antlers, Oklahoma, on March 19, 1926. Opal received all her schooling in Antlers where she remained until 1940 at which time she moved to California and resided in the Los Angeles area. Opal met and married William (Bud) Clark on September 2, 1945 in Huntington Park.

Many will remember Opal as a cook at the Kernville Elementary School for seven years.

She also was a member of the Elks Club #2358 in Wofford Heights. Her hobbies were fishing and she loved to walk in the Riverside Park. She also loved to see her granddaughter compete in sports events.

Opal is survived by her husband William (Bud) Clark of Wofford Heights; son James Clark of Long Beach; daughter Judy Clark of Wofford Heights; sisters Anita Harris of Modesto, California, and Ilene Willison of Mira Loma, California; brother Arthur Culp of Lawton, Oklahoma. Also surviving her are many friends and neighbors.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Patricia Fay McPherson

Patricia Fay McPherson, age 80, of Kernville, passed away on Monday, November 20, 1995, at 7:35 a.m.

Patty was born in Cokeville, Wyoming, on May 7, 1915. Her family moved to Reseda, California in 1921. She married Jim McPherson on December 6, 1935, and began a varied and interesting life with him. She traveled with Jim and his six-piece jazz orchestra, "Alamorio," on the touring circuit for a number of years. During this time, she won numerous trophies for her ballroom dancing.

Later, Patty and Jim moved to Elko, Nevada, with their infant son to manage a ranch she inherited from her father. Eventually, they settled back in Reseda, California, where they raised their three children. During that time, she and her family made numerous visits to her parents, Ruth and Jack Hinkey, who was the town barber in old Kernville.

When the dam was built, Jim and Patty bought the doctor's office in old Kernville and had it moved to its present location when "new" Kernville was formed. When Jim retired in 1981, they remodeled the cabin and moved to Kernville premanently.

Patty, her family, brothers and sisters all spent their summers in Kernville camping and enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Kern River Valley. As recently as two years ago, you could find Patty in the river with her family at "the curve."

Rockhound, artist, dancer, and reader, mother and wife, Patty died at home with her loved ones around her after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease and devoted care by her husband.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Jim; son Fredrick McPherson and wife Roberta of Boulder Creek, California; son Patrick McPherson and wife Julie of Ojai, California; daughter Kathy McPherson of Van Nuys, California; grandchildren Kusum McPherson of Boulder Creek and Amber and Duffey McPherson of Ojai; sister Peggy Jackson of Kernville; brother Ted Hinkey and wife Joyce of Loomis, California; brother Dennis Hinkey and wife Sue of Keysville; and sister-in-law Georgia Hinkey of Sisters, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County, Lake Isabella, California.

Funeral services were held at the Rose Chapel on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at 2:00 p.m.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Eddie H. Cox

Services will be held at the Oddfellows Temple, 425 30th Street, Bakersfield, California, on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 11 a.m. for Eddie H. Cox, who passed away on December 1, 1995, after a valiant struggle against cancer. Eddie was born on August 22, 1913 in Eufala, Oklahoma and moved with his family to Pocahontas, Arkansas, where he grew up. He and his family came to California and settled in Walnut Creek, California, in 1935.

During World War II, Eddie worked for Moores Dry Dock. Following the war, Eddie was a self-employed auto mechanic, both in Concord, California, and in Bakersfield, where he moved in 1947. Upon his first retirement, he moved to Bodfish. He worked for the U.S. Department of Forestry from 1986 until his second retirement in 1991. In addition to camping and fishing, Eddie loved to travel.

Eddie was very active in all branches of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He joined Bakersfield Lodge 440, in 1948, where he served as Noble Grand many times, and was District Deputy Grand Master five times. He joined Bakersfield Encampment 92 in 1950, and served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch three times. Eddie joined Bakersfield Canton 31 in 1950, and Bakersfield Rebekah Lodge 47 in 1966. Upon his retirement, he transferred his memberships to Kernville I.O.O.F. 251, and Rebekah Lodge 369. In addition to these memberships, Eddie was also an associate member of Mojave I.O.O.F. and Fresno Canton 30. He served as Department Commander, Patriarchs Militant, from 1978 to 1980. He also served as Grand High Priest, Grand Outside Sentinel and Grand Instructor for the Grand Encampment of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Albert; and son Edward Jr. He is survived by Louise, his wife of 56 years; mother-in-law, Helen Miller; daughter Fay Jennings and her husband, Ray; son Ray Cox and his wife, Jacque; grandsons, Raymond Jennings and his wife Kelli; Steven Cox and fiancee, Isabel Flowers; granddaughters, Denise Clark and her husband, Gene; Jennifer Cox and fiance, Steve Blackwood; great-granddaughters, Hollie, Sarah, Melissa and Taylor Jennings and Caroline Clark, and great-grandson, Garrett Clark. In addition, Eddie is survived by brothers and their spouses, Adolph and Melba Cox and Charles and Jean Cox, of Arizona; and E.J. and Joyce Cox of Walnut Creek; sister-in-law, Mary Cox of Martinez, and extra speccial friends, Doris and Paul Guerard of Murphys; brother-in-law Leonard Miller and spouse Shirley, of Fort Jones, and numerous nieces and nephews. In his travels to IOOF functions and conventions in both the United States and Canada, he made many friends.

Services will be conducted by members of the Department Council of Patriarchs Militant of California, the Grand Encampment of California and Rev. Ted Heier. Viewing was held December 5, 1995, at Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Lake Isabella Blvd., from 12 to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at the Oddfellows Temple, from 9 to 11 a.m. Pallbearers will be Swanie Coffman, Casey Christie, Will Schuyter, Joe Bozeman, Dick Reynolds and Hugh Fyfee. Interment will be beside his son in Greenlawn Cemetery. "In Friendship, Love and Truth."

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Albert Garcia

Private arrangements were made for Albert Garcia who passed away November 24, 1995, after a long illness in a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. Garcia was born June 26, 1912 in Spain and has been a Kern County resident for over 15 years. He worked for Vons Market for 40 years.

He is survived by his brother Joe M. Garcia of Dayton, Ohio; his sisters Christine G. Alarcon of Tuscon, Arizona and Josephine G. Bruno of Highland, Indiana; his cousin John Menendez of Tampa, Florida and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eliza Pearl Cottle Johnston

Pearl Johnston was born on April 19, 1890, in Kirtsvill, West Virginia and passed away on November 30, 1995, in Lake Isabella, California.

She was a native of West Virginia, born in early pioneer days. She was raised in the country but has seen the inventions of the century. Her family did not have running water, electric service or natural gas and her mother cooked over a wood stove. Most of their foods and goods came from bartering or home grown out of the country garden. Canning of food allowed the family to have food year round. She attended a one room school house which had all grade levels. From an early age she was required to work in the kitchen or garden as was the case with all children of the time. Her father passed away when she was four years old and she was given to her Uncle Wiseman to be raised. While living with her uncle she met her husband to be David Emmons Johnston. They were married in 1912, in Beckley, West Virginia, in the Beckley Hotel.

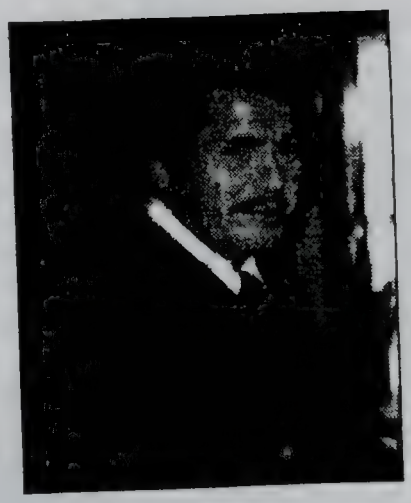
Her husband was a Contractor/Carpenter building Coal Camp Housing for Coal Miners. While contracting and building houses and school buildings they moved in and around Beckley. In 1935, Pearl at age 45, was blessed with her one and only daughter Shirley Mae Blanton. Pearl and Dave retired in 1954 and moved to Orlando, Florida. In 1957,they moved to La Crescenta, California, to be with their daughter and son-in-law.

Pearl has survived all her six brothers and five sisters except one, Myrtle Stover, 95, of Beckley, West Virginia. Pearl has been a resident of the Kern Valley for six years. At 105 years of age, she felt blessed to have lived for the Lord and had a wonderful life.

She is survived by her daughter Shirley M. Blanton; son-in-law William Blanton; two grandchildren, Debra Caryl Smith of Lake Isabella and Denise Lee Maniscalco, of Lancaster, California. There are five grandchildren, Christine Blanton, Johnathan Bopp, and Sarah Smith, all of Lake Isabella and Anthony Maniscalco and Leeland Maniscalco, of Lancaster, California.

Services in Lake Isabella were scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 1995, 11 a.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 5, 1995, at 1 p.m., in the Hillside Chapel (enter Gate 17), Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. A graveside service followed. A fellowship followed the graveside service at the Walnut Grove Church of the Nazarene in Rosemead, California.



Gerald Stephenson MacDonald

Private family services were held Gerald "Jerry" MacDonald, age 68, who passed away on November 23, 1995, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. He was born on July 22, 1927, in Oakland, California. He had been a resident of Wofford Heights for 25 years.

A Naval WWII Veteran, Jerry worked for the lake patrol in the 1970s and then for Knudsen Distributor here in the valley before retiring.

He is survived by his mother, Winnie Johnston of Fullerton; daughter Stephanie Gardner of Cheyenne, Wyoming; daughter Julie Wilson of Cypress, California; daughter Marie Quick of Ft. Lewis, Washington; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995

Dutch Henderson

"Dad, Grandad, Old Friend"

He was a big, powerful man when he was young.

Could out work six men and still find time to have fun.

He raised his family during the hard times of the Great Depression.

When a man had to beg for a job and work hard to make an impression.

He was a farmer, a rancher, and a custom hay baler too.

That was his occupation, but there was nothing he couldn't do.

Everyone knew him as "Dutch", we knew him as dad or Grandad.

Though sorrow has gripped our hearts, he wouldn't want us to be sad.

For he lived life to the fullest with great joy and love.

Never forgetting his blessings and strength came from God above.

He never knew a stranger, everyone was his friend for life.

Gambling was his weakness and he had more than one wife.

He was known to drink whiskey and let the "good times roll."

But most of all he had a real love for people and was a generous soul.

When he got old, he never complained, he didn't give up the race.

Said no one wanted to hear it, so he kept a smile on his face.

But with God in His heaven, we'll see you again.

Your daughter,
Phil

Dutch Henderson

A.W. "Dutch" Henderson, age 86, passed away on November 25, 1995 at his home in Porum, Oklahoma. He was born to Nora Belle and Ernest C. Henderson on December 8, 1908 in Gatesville, Texas.

Mr. Henderson was preceded in death by one brother, Houston Henderson, one sister, Clara Reb and one granddaughter, Lujuanna Henderson.

He is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Clark and her husband Bob of Warner, Oklahoma and Lou Sanders of Bodfish, California; sons Howard Henderson and his wife Bok Soon of Bremerton, Washington; Gerald Henderson and his wife Carolyn of Porum, Oklahoma; one step-son Dale Creighton and his wife Debbie of Weldon, California; one sister Gladys Alden of Grants Pass, Oregon; one sister-in-law, Florence Henderson of Anaheim, California; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Interment was Wednesday, November 29, 1995 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City beside his granddaughter Lujuanna.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995

Carl N. Alm

Born February 7, 1910 entered into rest November 29, 1995 in Kern Valley Hospital. Carl was born in Minot, North Dakota. After finishing high school he worked for his brother, Harold Alm, known as the Alm's Dairy in Minot, delivering milk. He moved to Los Angeles in 1940 was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served 3-1/2 years, mainly in the South Pacific. After WWII was over in 1945 he came back to Los Angeles and continued his service with Southern Pacific Railroad, retired after 32 years of service.

Carl was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, VFW Post 7665 and Eagles Aerie in Mt. Mesa and Eagles on Wheels and R.V. Club. He loved to camp, fish, hunt and to travel with many friends.

He is survived by his wife Charlene Alm, one son Douglas Alm and wife Candy of Garibaldi, Oregon; one daughter, Debbie Alm Harvatin and husband Steve of Vancouver, Washington; three grandchildren, Jill, Eric & Ryan of Vancouver, Washington; five sisters, Deloris Mostad & husband Kermit of Minot North Dakota, Mabel Ratzlaff of Tacoma, Washington, Ruth Baber & husband Forrest of Kent, Washington, Margaret Simica of Sun City, California, Osta Vermillian of Alta Loma, California.

Graveside service, Friday, December 1, 1995, 11:00am. Officiating pastor, Marvin D. Moon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Interment Kern River Valley Cemetery. Soloist, Mrs. Debbie Peugh of Mt. Mesa.

Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Lyndel Irene Fenton

Lyndel Fenton, age 80, passed away early in the morning of December 11, 1995, at her home in Southlake.

She was born to Olen and Flossie Leison on February 25, 1915, in Mason City, Illinois. She moved from Mason City to Peoria, Illinois, where she met and married James Fenton. They later moved to Redondo Beach, California, before moving to the lake area in 1973.

Lyndel is survived by her daughter Joy Spangler of Duarte, California, and friends here in the lake area. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

William (Bill) Wylie

Bill Wylie passed away at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 79. Bill had a history of heart problems for 27 years. He had two heart bypass surgeries. He suffered a heart attack on December 19, 1995, in mid-morning and died a short time later at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Bill was born in Whitney, Texas to Arthur and Eva Wylie on April 3, 1916. He spent his early childhood there. Received his high school education in Lubbock, Texas. He married Lena Averrett in Clovis, New Mexico, on December 12, 1936.

They moved to California in 1941 and settled in the Richmond area. In 1942 they moved to Santa Ana where they remained until 1972 at which time they moved to Lake Isabella.

Bill loved to collect antiques as a hobby, also loved to hunt and fish. He was known for his wit. Two of his favorite statements were: "When I was a boy I walked three miles to school in three foot of snow" and "When my grandchildren are as smart as I am they will be able to put their teeth in a glass."

Services are scheduled today, Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Pastor James Lee of Valley Community Church will officiate.

Bill is survived by his wife Lena; two sons, Jerry Wylie of Lake Isabella and Dean Wylie of Lake Elsinore, California; one daughter, Wanda Wylie of Dana Point, California; one brother, Wayne Wylie of Roseville, California; three sisters, Margie Witherspoon of Lubbock, Texas; Thelma Jones of Arvada, Colorado; and Maxine Waltz of Anaheim, California; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the case of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Richard Levi Cross

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 26, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Richard Levi Cross. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Mr. Cross was born May 31, 1902 in Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas, and passed away December 19, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. He has been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past seven years. He worked for Cessna-Aircraft for 26 years, and was very active in his church group where he taught Sunday School and was Church Secretary for many years. He also was very active in helping people in need before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lucy Cross of Lake Isabella; sons Lt. Col. John Cross of Las Vegas; Richard L. Cross Jr. of Lake Isabella; Robert Cross of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Victor Cross of Bahler, Kansas; daughters Maudee Akers of Burbank, California; and Helen Bright of Senica, South Carolina; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Henry Trent Weldon (Black Bear)

Trent, a native American, was born on November 6, 1953, to Henry and Agnes Weldon. He passed away suddenly on December 3, 1995, at his home in Kelso Valley at the Weldon family ranch. He was a lifetime resident of Kelso Valley.

He had attended the Mojave school system. Later traveling and working as a carpenter, heavy equipment operator, miner and rancher.

Trent loved to party and enjoyed it all. Living each day to his fullest. His humor and spirituality touched many.

Please smile when you're reminded of him.

Trent was preceded in death by his father, Henry Weldon in 1975. He is survived by his mother, Agnes Weldon; sisters Judy Weldon, Corine Deupree and Rebecca Weldon; brothers Martin and Bryan Weldon; all of Weldon, California. Trent is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 13, 1995, in Kelso Valley. An Indian ceremony is to follow at a later date.

The family would like to express their warmest thanks to ministers John Carpenter and Chuck White of the Kernville and Weldon Methodist Chuches. They were a great comfort to us all.

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Helyn Hall

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Helyn Hall. She was born on January 19, 1909 in Brooklyn, New York, and passed away on December 21, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hall has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Golf Club and she loved to paint.

She was a perfect mother and wife, and will be missed. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Fred and son Steven Hall of Huntington Beach, California; daughter Penny Witt of Camarillo, California; four grandchildren, Richard, John, Esther and Steve; and one great-grandchild McKenzie Lane; also sisters Ester Denniss of Carson City, Nevada and Elenor Evans of Bellevue, Washington.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

James David Stith

Graveside services were held Thursday, December 28, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for James David Stith of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Stith was born February 28, 1917 in Cub Run, Kentucky, and passed away on December 21, 1995, in Lake Isabella. He worked for U.S. Steel for 30 years before retiring.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Norwalk for many years. He loved to fish and hunt and garden.

Mr. Stith is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nettie; two grandsons, Stephen Stith of Rialto, California, and Joseph Stith of So. Jorden, Utah; granddaughter Joleen Stith of Inyokern, California; daughter-in-love, Francy Bull; and two great-grandchildren Britney and Cameron Stith.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Delbert James Lane

Visitation was held for Delbert James Lane, age 78, of Ridgecrest, California, on Tuesday, December 26, 1995, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Holland & Lyons Mortuary in Ridgecrest. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at Searles Valley Cemetery in Trona, California, with Trona Elks Lodge #1975 officiating.

Delbert was born July 8, 1917, in Petrolia, Texas, and passed away of natural causes on December 22, 1995, at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hospital in Ridgecrest. He worked as a Journeyman Painter at American Potash & Chemical in Trona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Viola and Rufus Lane; sister, Gladys Hubbard; wife Pearl Lane; and son, Delbert W. Lane. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald D. and Sandie D. Lane, of Ridgecrest; daughter and son-in-law, Judy J. and Bobby (Tex) Whitson, of Las Vegas, Nevada; granddaughters Jamie D. Lane, of Ridgecrest; Sirell D. Hurlocker, also of Ridgecrest; Roni D. Lane, of Los Angeles, California; Trudy L. Smith, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Tammy E. Lind, of Ridgecrest; seven great-granddaughters, three great-grandsons, one great-great-grandson; brother R.F. (Bob) Lane, of Lake Isabella; and very close friend, Sinda (Trudy) Smith of Ridgecrest.

Arrangements by Holland & Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest, California.

Glen E. "Smitty" Smith

Graveside services was held 11:00 a.m., December 29, 1995, at Greenlawn Cemetery for Glen E. "Smitty" Smith who passed away on December 26, 1995, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Smith was born November 24, 1908 in Arvada, Colorado. He worked in the oil fields in Kern County and later as a Captain on a dredge in the Bay area. He retired from the Operating Engineers in 1974 and resided in Lake Isabella for 20 years. The last three years he lived in Las Vegas.

He was a long-time member of the Elks and the Eagles. He enjoyed fishing, golf and was an avid Ham operator in his retirement.

He was married to his wife, Ruby for 37 years until her death in 1972. Survivors are his daughters, Darlene Churchwell and her husband, Bill of Bakersfield and Marilyn Kroh and her husband, Donnie of Las Vegas. He leaves four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters in Southern California.

Albert Elza Wilkey

Albert passed away in Mt. Mesa, California, on January 4, 1996, at the age of 84. He was born in Sullivan, Indiana, on June 14, 1911, where he attended school. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, in 1928. Albert worked at Marshall Field while going to school to become an electrician. He moved to Cincinatti, Ohio, in 1935 and worked at a milling machine company. Albert moved to South Dakota in 1945. In 1949, he moved to California, where he started to work for United States Steel Company in Maywood, California, until his retirement in 1974.

Mr. Wilkey met and married Florence Silvers in 1950 and lived in South Gate, California, until they moved to Lake Isabella in 1974. Albert and Florence bought a home here in Lake Isabella in 1966, and spent many weekends and vacations here until their move.

Albert was very active in the Kern Valley CB'ers. He was also well known as the Honeydoer for all the widows in the area.

He is survived by his wife Florence Wilkey of Lake Isabella; daughter, Doris Meeker of Bodfish; step-daughter Barbara and her husband Art Robinson of Bodfish; step-daughter Donna and her husband Alvin Hamil of Goodwater, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Albert will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Groover Marion Woodard "Woody"

Services were held at the Kern Valley Bible Church in Lake Isabella, where Woody was a member, on Saturday, December 6, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Guy Rimstad, Pastor, officiating. He passed away on January 3, 1996, after a long fight with cancer.

Woody was born in Lakelund, Florida, on April 19, 1924. He received his schooling in Lakelund. After school he joined the Navy and served a four-year hitch after which he went to work for Union Oil Company, where he worked for 40 years.

He met and married Shirley Marshal in 1947. They lived in Montebello, California, for a short time before moving to Pico Rivera where they raised their nine children. They then moved to Whittier and then to Ontario where they remained until they moved to Walker Basin in 1989.

Woody is survived by his wife Shirley Woodard and eight children: sons, Gregory of La Habra, California; Dennis of Big Bear, California; Jeffrey of Pico Rivera, California; Laurence of Walker Basin, California; and Steven of Alta Loma, California; daughters, Debra Dykes of San Luis Obispo, California; Kathleen Menosky of Edwards Air Force Base, California and Judith England. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Ted W. Boring

Masonic services for Ted W. Boring, age 78, of Lake Isabella was held on January 4, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kernville Masonic Lodge with members of the Kern River Valley Lodge #872, F & AM officiating. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

A 53-year county resident, Mr. Boring was born January 3, 1917 in Newbridge, Oregon, and passed away in Bakersfield on December 28, 1995. He was the former owner-operator of the Kernvale Club in Lake Isabella.

An active member of the Kern River Valley community, he was a member of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge #872, B.P.O.E. #2358 in Wofford Heights, the Eagles Aerie #3156, the Loyal Order of the Moose #498, the Shrine, Scottish Rite and the Bodfish Beamers.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Boring of Lake Isabella; 2 sons, Frank Boring of Trona, California, and Dean Boring of Redding, California; his daughter, Judy Riggs of Ridgecrest, California; a sister, Dorothy Wilbanks of Florida; 2 brothers, Robert Boring of Ione, California, and Olen Boring of Oregon; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Valley Mortuary on Wednesday, January 3, 1996, from 10-5 p.m.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Walter Jackson (Jack) Stuart II

Jack Stuart was born in Texas on December 8, 1920. He passed away in San Diego, California, on January 3, 1996, at the age of 75. Jack came to California in 1938 where he lived in the Los Angeles area until 1988, when he came to the Lake Isabella area.

Jack is survived by his wife Helen; son Walter Jackson Stuart III; daughter Shelley Beechler; granddaughter Kristina; sisters, Iva Mae Bunge, Juanita Jones and Rachel Stuart Mills.

Services were held Tuesday, January 8, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kernville Masonic Lodge #827, with interment following at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Jack was a Past Master of Palm Springs Masonic Lodge in 1964. Ellis Mills, Past Master of the Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge will do the Masonic Service at local Lodge #827.

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Wayne (Hoot) Phelan

Aug. 7, 1956 – Dec. 28, 1990
It's been 5 years now!

A million time I've missed you
A million tears I've cried
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.

Things I feel more deeply are
The hardest things to say,
Dearest son, I've always loved you
In a very special way.

I often sit and think of you
And think of how you died,
To think I couldn't say goodbye
Before you closed your eyes.

No one can know my emptiness
No one can see my weeping
For all my tears from an aching heart
Are shed while others are sleeping.

If I had a lifetime wish, my son
Or a dream that would come true
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For one more day, my son, with you.

Love Mom, Dad, Mike, Jim,
Sherry, Patty and Wayne Jr.

James David Stith

Graveside services were held Thursday, December 28, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for James David Stith of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Stith was born February 28, 1917 in Cub Run, Kentucky, and passed away on December 21, 1995, in Lake Isabella. He worked for U.S. Steel for 30 years before retiring.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Norwalk for many years. He loved to fish and hunt and garden.

Mr. Stith is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nettie; sister, Esther Cox of Walnut Creek, California; also many nieces and nephews; two grandsons, Stephen Stith of Rialto, California, and Joseph Stith of So. Jorden, Utah; granddaughter Joleen Stith of Inyokern, California; daughter-in-love, Francy Bull; and two great-grandchildren Britney and Cameron Stith.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melda L. Costa

Funeral services for Melda Loretta Costa, age 91, of Wofford Heights was held on Monday, January 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A 7-year valley resident, Mrs. Costa was born on August 16, 1904, in Stockton and passed away on December 29, 1995, in Ridgecrest. She lived in Stockton for many years and also in the Los Angeles area for 30 years where she worked as a legal secretary for the Flour Corporation.

Her family meant a great deal to her and those that will miss her the most include her son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Betty Costa of Wofford Heights; her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Lloyd Dunham, also of Wofford Heights; her grandchildren, Jadeen Costa, David Kelly, Robert Costa, Patricia Tipps and Debi Hamel, as well as her many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 7, 1996, from 1-5 p.m.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Allen Thomas Jones

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 11, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Allen Thomas Jones. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Jones was born April 25, 1911 in Sales City, Georgia and passed away on January 6, 1996, in Mt. Mesa. He retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1974 after 25 years and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 21 years. He was an avid reader and loved to fish.

He is preceded in death by his wife Josephine. He is survived by his daughter, Marcilene Williams of Florida; his sisters Bernice Jones and Billy Jones Mangum, both of Georgia; Paul Anderer, son-in-law of Florida; Richard Czarnowski, nephew of New York; and numerous other family members; and dear friends Carol Kleeman and family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Elroy Barlow

Private arrangements were made for Jack Elroy Barlow who passed away on January 8, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. Mr. Barlow was born on December 15, 1916, in Winona, Minnesota, and has lived in the Kern River Valley for 19 years. He retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad after 42 years. He loved to fish and loved music and played the drums and at one time had his own band. He was a devoted fan of U.S.C.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Viola Barlow; his daughters Diane Sallenger of La Habra, California; and Susanne Sparrow of La Jolla, California; son Garry Mogster of San Clemente, California; sister and brother-in-law Maxine and Louis Nowell of Kernville; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Emma Lela Hupka Miller

Emma Lela Hupka Miller, age 76, passed away on January 5, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. She was born in Roff, Oklahoma, on December 20, 1919. Em was a resident of China Lake from 1948 until 1974 when she and her late husband, Nick Hupka, moved to Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her present husband of eight years, Melvin Miller; daughter Gina Hupka of Rockville, Utah; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Linda Hupka of Port Orchard, Washington; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Merces, Nicholas, Travis and great-grandson Jesse. Also step-son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sheila Miller; and children Danny, Nicole, and Tiffany of Ridgecrest; and step-daughter Carol Miller and children Tanya and Natasha, of Santa Clarita, California.

A master quilter, Em was an active member of two quilt clubs in the Kern Valley.

She will be remembered by those who knew her for her love and laughter and the enthusiastic way she lived her life.

Emma Lela, you were loved by all who knew you. Your sense of humor and smile brightened every room and heart you entered. We were privileged to share your life.

Robert Conrad Westphal

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 6, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Robert Conrad Westphal of Bodfish. Officiating was Mr. James Andie. Mr. Westphal was born April 11, 1915 in North Bergen, New Jersey and died December 28, 1995 at Mt. Mesa Hospital in Lake Isabella. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Westphal moved from Ridgecrest in 1969 after retiring from N.O.T.S. as an electrician. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years Florence of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law Bob and Toshi Westphal of Newberry Park, California; grandson Mark and his wife Lorrie Westphal of New Jersey; great-grandson Eric Westphal of New Jersey; granddaughter Karen Westphal of Newberry Park; sister Anita Casamento of New York.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Dorothy Eileen Kitchen

Visitation was held at Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Dorothy Kitchen, age 71, of Wofford Heights, on Thursday, January 11, 1996, from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Services were held at First Baptist Church of Kernville, California, on Friday, January 12, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Dick Lewis, Pastor officiating. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Dorothy was born to Jim and Nellie DeWitt on November 4, 1924, in Kellerville, Illinois. There were five children in their family. She met David Kitchen in 1941 and they were married in December of that year. In December of 1995, they celebrated their 54th anniversary. They had one son, Donald, in 1942. Together, they moved to California in 1953. In California, Dorothy worked in retail sales and aerospace assembly, working on installation of guidance system units.

She and David moved to the lake area in 1979. She was very active in her church, First Baptist of Kernville and in the V.F.W. Woman's Auxiliary. She also held the office of President of the Woman's V.F.W. in 1982.

Dorothy was a terrific wife, mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

William (Bill) Eugene Dodd, Jr.

Services were held at the Highland Chapel at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1996, for Bill Dodd, Jr, age 75. A second service was held at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills on Tuesday, January 23, 1996, with Rev. Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Church officiating.

Bill was born to William and Margaret Dodd, Sr. in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 20, 1920. He attended school in Omaha, as welll as meeting and marrying Evelyn Marie Delafield. Together they had 54 wonderful years of marriage.

They left Omaha and moved to Westchester, California, in 1960 and remained there until 1977. Then they moved to Van Nuys, California, in 1978 and remained there until 1984 at which time they moved to Mt. Mesa where he lived until his death early Thursday morning on January 18, 1996.

Bill loved to hunt as well as maintain his hobby of model railroads and his woodworking. He was a member of the Historical Society. He and his wife were members of the Rovers and traveled 70,000 miles with them. He was a very active member of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church. From 1986 to 1995 he had a yearly camping trip, during the Easter School break, with his four grandchildren. Bill looked forward each year to this trip.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn of Mt. Mesa; son William Eugene Dodd III and wife Noreen of Newbury Park, California; daughter Tammy Cormeir of Newbury Park, California; four grandchildren, William Dodd IV and Thomas Dodd and Tina and Laura Cormeir, all of Newbury Park, California. Bill was be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, California 93240 or the Highland Chapel Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 5301, Lake Isabella, California 93240.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Virginia Manoush

Services were held at the Kernville Methodist Church for Virginia Manoush, age 84, on January 19, 1996, with Rev. John Carpenter, Pastor, officiating.

Virginia was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 20, 1911, to Minas and Orzmin Zulalian who came to America from Armenia. Virginia was a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church. She received her schooling in Philadelphia where she met and married her husband John Manoush on June 25, 1939. They wer members of St. James Apostolic Church in Watertown. They then moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she and her husband operated a tailoring and cleaning business.

In 1978, they moved to St. Augustine, Florida, and remained there until her husband's death. She then came to Kernville in 1982. Virginia loved to walk and enjoyed the out-of-doors. she also had a hobby of knitting, but her most favorite hobby was Bingo.

Virginia is survived by her son John Manoush, and his wife Kim, of Sebago Lake, Maine; her daughter Eileen England and husband Jerry, of Kernville; one granddaughter April England of Kernville; and a host of relatives, including her sister Elizabeth of Philadelphia. Virginia will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Clar "Skeets" Byers

Memorial services are planned for Clar "Skeets" Byers, age 92, of Porterville, California, to be held at a later date. Following cremation at Myers Funeral Service in Porterville, inurnment will be private.

Mr. Byers died January 14, 1996, in Porterville. He was born December 7, 1903, in Adell, Iowa. He was a resident of Porterville for four years. He retired after 25 years with the Los Angeles Fire Department and operated the Roads End Store above Kernville for 14 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Byers, in 1992 and a son, Carl Byers in 1933. Survivors include his son Clar Byers, Jr. of Porterville, California; daughter Barbara Dillard of Medford, Oregon; brother Vic L. Byers, Jr. of Anaheim, California; brother Herbert Byers of Apple Valley, California; sister Cassie Cord of Danbury, Iowa; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to be sent to the American Diabetes Association, Central Valley Chapter, 55 Shaw Ave., Suite 109, Clovis, California 93612.

Ruth C. Warnock

Born February 17, 1907, Ruth C. Warnock passed away on December 12, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband Virgil Warnock; two sisters Norren Hyten and Patricia Allen; also a grandson Wayne (Hoot) A. Phelan.

Ruth and Virgil had a shoe repair shop and canvas shop for many years in the valley.

She is survived by an only son Billy G. Warnock and wife Esther; grandsons James and Michael Warnock; granddaughter Sherry Walker; great-granddaughters Stacy and Stephanie Walker; and great-grandson Wayne Allen Phelan, Jr. She will be greatly missed by all.

Laura Ella Morgan

Private services at the home, officiated by Pastor Jack Dilley, were held for Laura Morgan, age 84, who passed away on January 18, 1996. Laura passed away at her home after a long illness, with many of her family members at her bedside. Interment was held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Laura was born to Milton and Olive Parker in Marquette, Michigan on June 7, 1911. She received her schooling through high school in Marquette. she met and married her husband of 67 years, Bertram, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. They later moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where they had three of their six children. They then moved to Kenosa, Wisconsin, where their other three children were born. They came to California in 1950 and lived in Reseda until 1969 when they moved to Bodfish where they remained until her death last Thursday. Laura was a housewife and mother and loved to fish.

She is survived by her husband, Bertram; her five sons, Bertram, Jr. and wife Judy of Fontana, California; Ralph Morgan of Missouri; Marvin Morgan and wife Dianne of Bakersfield; James Morgan and wife Pat of Grants Pass, Oregon; Michael Morgan and wife Nancy of Bodfish; and daughter Arvilla Stern of Lake Isabella; plus 29 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Her family and friends will miss her greatly.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Lawrence David Dodson

Graveside services were held for Lawrence Dodson, age 94, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California, on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. James Lee, Pastor of Valley Community Church, officiated.

Lawrence was born June 6, 1901, in Eliza, Illinois. He lived in Burbank prior to coming to Onyx 25 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Cora, of Onyx; four sons, Dean Dodson of Canyon Country, California; Ralph Dodson, Pacoima, California; Gene Dodson of Anchorage, Alaska; and Edward Graham of Oxnard, California; also three daughters, Dorothy Hines of Iowa; Shirley Hines of Florida; and Rose Lovejoy of Phoenix, Arizona; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Loretta Lucille Wyloge

Private arrangments were made for Loretta Lucille Wyloge who passed away January 12, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. Mrs. Wyloge was born January 10, 1911, in South Bend, Indiana.

She is survived by her husband Morris L. Wyloge of Lake Isabella; daughter Barbara Farnsworth of Wofford Heights; great-grandchildren Mollie Anne Winchester and Andrew Brian Winchester. You can rest easy now, Nana.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Franklin (Frank) Curtis Kennelty, Jr.

Private services were held for Franklin Kennelty, Jr., who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on January 24, 1996. Frank, as he was known, was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to Franklin and Mary Kennelty, on April 2, 1916. Frank received his schooling in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and then, on September 13, 1941, married Florence Bushfield in Cumberland, Maryland. They moved to the lake area in 1967.

Frank's hobby was charcoal sketching and he loved to fish. He had a favorite saying, "There are only two types of people in the world, the Irish and those who want to be Irish." He had a special love for his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years; one son Franklin Lane Kennelty and wife Tonia of Bakersfield; three sisters, Isabell Gallenbeck, Leda Arena, and Marilyn Sheetz, all of Phoenix, Arizona. Frank will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Lewis (Lou) C. Coon

Services were held January 16, 1996, at the Eagles Lodge for Lewis C. Coon, age 66. Interment followed at the V.A. Memorial Cemetery.

Lou was born in Monroe, Michigan, on July 26, 1929. He retired from the Navy at the Long Beach Ship Yard.

He lived in Mt. Mesa for six years and belonged to the Moose, Eagles and the V.F.W. Lou liked to fish, shoot pool, play shuffleboard, and help people in every way he could. He would go out of his way to help people.

Barbara Haley was his fiance. They had a good six years together. She loved him very much. He had lots of friends in this valley, from one end to the other. She would like to thank all the people who came through to help her with the arrangements and for all the kindness and flowers.

Matilda Agnes Dunn Collins

Matilda Agnes Dunn Collins passed away on January 24, 1996, at the Skilled Nursing Center of the Kern Valley Hospital. She was 100 years old. Matilda was born on March 12, 1895 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Stephen and Mathilda Dunn and married Harry Collins on December 31, 1941, while still in Council Bluffs.

Harry preceded Matilda in death in 1964. Matilda had resided in California for 50 years, the last 30 being in the Kern River Valley.

There will be a memorial mass on February 2, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights with Father Charles Casale officiating. Interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Matilda loved the outdoors. She would spend many hours in her garden, hoeing and trimming.

She is survived by four daughters, Bernice Loveall and Harriet Carstens, both of the Kern River Valley; Clara Neville, of Prineville, Oregon; Darlene Jacobson, of Sacramento, California; and two sons, Garland of Weldon; and Paul of Parker, Arizona. Another son, Harold preceded her in death in 1974. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Matilda will be greatly missed by all friends and family.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Clarence Arthur Geringer

Clarence Arthur Geringer passed away on January 30, 1996, at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility. He was born in Mystic, Iowa, on August 11, 1919, to Byron Geringer of Hannibal, Missouri, and Marie Robinson of Mystic, Iowa. Clarence retired from the Torrance Unified School District prior to moving to the Kern Valley in 1977.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Betty, of 59 years. They had one daughter Nancy Bowen of San Jose, California; and two sons Dick Geringer and Bill Geringer, both of Vallejo, California. He is survived also by two sisters, Florine Mason of Long Beach, California; and Leona Grossman of Dixon, Illinois; one brother, Byron Gerringer, of Hemet, California; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dalton Henry Lee Flood

Dalton Henry Lee Flood, infant, died Tuesday, December 5, 1995, at Simi Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his parents Michelle Beckstead and Gerald Flood; brother Cordy Beckstead of Simi Valley; and grandparents Fran and Dennis Wargnier of Simi Valley; Alyn Beckstead of Washington; and Geraldine R. Flood of Bakersfield, former 27-year resident of the Kern River Valley; and several aunts and uncles.

The service was held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 8, 1995, at Reardon Simi Valley Mortuary. Burial followed at Simi Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reardon Simi Valley Mortuary.

Archie Wallace Crawford

Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Archie Wallace Crawford II. Officiating was Edward Rain of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Mr. Crawford was born in Moss Point, Mississippi, and passed away after a long illness on January 28, 1996, in Mt. Mesa.

Mr. Crawford was a Merchant Seaman for over 25 year and a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years. He loved fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Margaret Crawford of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Archie and Kathy Crawford, also of Lake Isabella; son Ralph Crawford of California; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Destiny Dejae Hearn

Graveside services for Destiny Dejae Hearn, age 4, were held on February 7, 1996, at the Shafter Memorial Park, in Shafter, California, at 2:00 p.m. Surviving her is her mother, Janet K. Hearn Parker, and father, Steve L. Williams of Weldon; sister April Parker of Weldon; brother Ray Murray; sister-in-law Kim; nieces Brittany and Karissa of Frazier Park; grandparents J.J. and Lucille Hearn of Weldon and paternal grandparents Judy Allison of Bakersfield; aunt Susan Wall, uncle Terry Wall, and cousin Lisa of Polson, Montana; uncle Delbert Hearn and aunt Colene, cousins Heather, Jarrod and baby Eric of Terra Bella, California; cousin Jason Hearn and wife Rosie, and cousin Marc of Shandon, California; aunt Rebecca, uncle Mike, William Jeffries, and Candy Aardel of Modesto, California. She also has innumerable great-aunts and uncles, second cousins, and great-grandparents, living in Bakersfield, Mrs. Marie Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Chadwick.

Destiny was born in Bakersfield on December 4, 1991, and passed away February 1, 1996, at Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno, California, after a seven-month struggle with childhood cancer. She was a brave little girl, traveling many miles back and forth to Fresno to get chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Her doctors and nurses loved her dearly. We owe them a special thanks, and also those at Ronald McDonald House.

She was our angel sent from heaven. She was our sunshine, and the light of our lives, especially her grandpa J.J.'s. She touched so many people's lives and had lots of friends in both the Kern River Valley and Fresno. The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and support, here and afar. It seems like the entire Northern Hemisphere was praying for her. Many relatives and friends attended her funeral, some as far away as Kansas, Montana, San Diego, Reno, Stockton, Corona, Cherry Valley, Weldon, Lake Isabella, Shafter, San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, Tulare, Fresno and Modesto.

Her special friends Aaron DeLuca and David Katchfar will always be remembered. They were there to support and help Destiny and the family. Destiny touched lot of lives both old and young, and she was barely four years old. Her uncle Delbert Hearn from Terra Bella officiated the funeral with help from Grandma Hearn, Aunt Susan Wall and Cousin Lisa Wall.

Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home of Olldale.

Child So Fair
In Memory of Destiny

She was one in a million
A person might say
She loved everybody
In her own special way.

She would brighten my day
With her loving smile
And when I felt bad
She would hold me awhile.

She had the touch of an angel
So delicate and rare
And if I needed a hug
She was always there.

She had a genuine loving
And very special way
When she made me feel better
She would go out and play.

When she left me
It made me so sad
But I know she's in heaven
So I don't feel so bad.

She had so much love
She would readily share
And I felt blessed
Knowing this child so fair.

Charli Gates

John Stephen Cross

John Stephen Cross was born July 14, 1926. He entered U.S. Army in 1945 and served 31 years in Korea, Japan, Germany, and Vietnam. He retired as Lt. Col.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, in 1994; his mother, Pansy, in 1930; his father, Richard, in 1995; and brother, Raymond, a Marine killed in Korea, 1951.

Survivors include his daughter Rebekah, of the home; John Jr. of Minnesota; stepmother Lucy; brother Richard of Lake Isabella; brothers Robert and Victor of Hutchinson, Kansas; sisters Maudee Akers of Burbank, California; and Helen Bright of Seneca, South Carolina.

John died peacefully in his sleep after a bout with cancer on January 30, 1996, at his home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Alice Victoria Buder

Memorial services were held Sunday, February 11, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Christian Church in Southlake for Alice Victoria Buder. Officiating was Pastor Duane Splawn.

Alice was born in Berlin, Germany on November 13, 1900 and married Frederick (Fred) Herman Buder on August 16, 1919 while yet in Germany.

Fred preceded Alice in death in February 1981. They had lived in Long Island until the mid-1950's when they moved to San Diego to be close to their only child, Marlies Planter Caswell. Alice came to the Kern River Valley to live with her daughter in 1986. She enjoyed the sociability of Lake View Guest Home (now Burlington) for a few years.

Alice loved her family and grandsons, David and Jack Planter and four great-grandchildren. She loved Coffee Klatches, and being with her many friends, and club activities in San Diego.

She passed away peacefully at home with her daughter and son-in-law Marlies and Frank Caswell where she had been cared for for the past three years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George Willard Miller

George (Doc) was born on August 1, 1906, in Elida, Ohio, and passed away on January 26, 1996, in Apple Valley, California, at the age of 89. George (Doc) had been a resident of the local community for 17 years, before moving to Apple Valley where he spent the last 10 years. He earned his living as a dentist, but retired to the Kern River Valley.

He leaves a legacy of eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. George is survived by his wife of 67 years, Frances J. Miller; sons Gerald W. Miller and Ralph E. Miller; daughters Suzanne F. McDonald and Catherine A. Wild.

Services were held January 31, 1996, at Oakdale Cemetery in Glendora, California.

Robert E. Von Zell

Robert Von Zell was born to Gustaf and Hattie Von Zell in Chicago, Illinois on January 3, 1915. He went to be with the Lord on February 9, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. Services were held on February 16, 1996 at Roosevelt Memorial Park in Gardena, California.

Robert received his schooling in Chicago, where he sold newspapers on the street corners to help during the hard depression years. He often told stories of noted gangsters in the Chicago area that he knew of due to his job with the paper. Robert left Chicago in 1933. He worked as a smoke-jumper fire fighter in C.C. Camps in Washington and Oregon. Often he was called upon to top and cut down trees, sometimes while the fire soared above his head. He came to the lake area 20 years ago. Robert loved to fish with his wife Ethel, and taught his grandchildren how to fish. Of course, no one ever caught as big a fish as grandpa. He also enjoyed golfing and had several buddies to golf with. Most of his buddies had preceded him in death.

Robert could build a house from start to finish and he loved to remodel old houses.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Ethel Von Zell, two daughters, Martha McDaniel of Mt. Mesa, California and Judith Herndon of Rolling Heights, California; one son Douglas Von Zell of Cerritos, California; two step-daughters, Dorothy Darr of Irvine, California and Pauline Stoltenberg of Redondo Beach; one step-son James Elliott of La Habra, California. Also a sister, Catherine Blake of Gardena, California; seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family, Golden Rule Funeral Directors.

Phyllis Elizabeth McMurry

Born August 20, 1916 in Quincy, Massachusetts, Phyllis Elizabeth McMurry passed away in Lead Hill, Arkansas on February 15, 1996.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, James F. O'Mara, Jr. and a daughter, Susan M. O'Mara, and two sisters. Surviving relatives include sons James F. O'Mara III of Carmichael, California, Michael P. O'Mara of Tacoma, Washington and Peter O. O'Mara of Lead Hill, Arkansas; daughter Jane McKinley of Cabool, Missouri; sisters Evelyn Marie Cedarstom of Braintree, Massachusetts, Annette Savard of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; brothers Philip Louis O'Mara of Quincy, Massachusetts, Russel O'Mara of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Robert O'Mara of Jupiter, Florida.

Services provided by Holt Memorial Chapel, Harrison, Arkansas.

Donald Root Haney

Services were held February 7, 1996 at the Kernville Methodist Church for Donald Root Haney, 62, who died February 5 in a Bakersfield Hospital of heart disease. Pastor John Carpenter officiated.

He was born February 11, 1933 in Versailles, Illinois to Margaret Root and Theodore Eugene Haney and into a long line of newspaper publishers. His parents operated newspapers in small Midwest towns and he grew up working alongside them. In the 1940s, the family moved to Danville, California where they started the *Valley Pioneer*. Don graduated from San Ramon Valley High School and attended Mt. San Antonio College in southern California for a time. He went to work for a pump company as a hydraulic engineer, but was drawn to Catalina Island when his parents moved there in 1954 to operate *The Catalina Islander*. Don soon joined them to work at the newspaper and took it over in 1962 when his parents retired. In 1974 he purchased the paper from the Wrigley Company which had owned it for 60 years. During his 35-year tenure at the paper, he could do, and frequently did, everything at the paper, from writing and editing to taking and developing photos to setting type and running the presses. He ushered the paper through the transformation from hot lead type to the computer age.

On April 18, 1981, he married Ann Regaldo, who joined the newspaper staff when she retired in 1984 as administrator of the local hospital. In 1990 they sold the paper and moved to Kernville where they had frequently vacationed.

He joined the Kernville Lions Club and the Kern Valley Model Airplane Club (KMAK). He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church and Catalina Island Lodge No. 524, F. & A.M.

He is survived by his wife, stepson, John Regaldo of Catalina Island, California; three aunts, Pauline McCaskill, Mt. Sterling, Illinois, Melva Marshall, Robinson, Illinois and Tanko Haney of Munster Indiana.

Graveside services were conducted February 9 by members of the Catalina Masonic Lodge and he was buried at Avalon Memorial Cemetery on the island he loved so well.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, A Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Ernest R. Travers

Born in Kewanee, Illinois on February 16, 1911, Ernest R. Travers passed away February 13, 1996 in La Mirada, California. He was a resident of Lake Isabella for 24 years. Services will be held today at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Reverend Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella will be officiating.

Ernest was a retired carpenter and active in the 55 plus club where he was a past president, the CB Club and was also a past president of the Property Owners Association of the Reeder Tract.

Ernest was a hard worker for the valley, getting the commodities brought into the valley for the needy. He worked with Roy Ashburn to get the senior citizen's building and to get phones put in the canyon.

Ernest was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Annabell. He is survived by his children, J.M. Traver of La Mirada, California, Dorothy M. Klein of Livingston, Texas and Marylou Ellis of Lake Isabella, brothers Al Travers of Lakewood, California and Aubry Travers of Trinity Center, Clare Engel Lake, California. He had 7 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Jackie O'Dell Kienle

Jackie O'Dell Kienle, 71, died Saturday, January 6, 1996.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Frank Williams of Covenant Presbyterian Church officiating.

Mrs. Kienle was born in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1942. She married Bob Kienle in 1952 at Clovis, N.M. She worked at Pantex during World War II. Jackie and her husband resided in Lake Isabella in the late sixties and early seventies. She was a homemaker and member of the Daughters of the American Revolution Arredondo Chapter No. 2 and the Laureate Delta Tau/Chapter PL. 1572.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Jerry W. Kienle of Albuquerque, N.M. and Bobby M. Kienle of Flat, Missouri; two daughter, Martha L. Kienle of Albuquerque and Debbie J. Nielsen of Helena, Montana; five sisters, Miriam Palmer of Lake Isabella, California, Hazel Gardner of Vigo Park, Vesta Orr of Auburn, Maine, Mateel Brown of Amarillo and Myrl Blackwell of Oklahoma City; three brothers, M.S. O'Dell Jr. of Minden, Louisiana, Glenn O'Dell of Amarillo, Texas and Dale O'Dell of Highland Falls, New York; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Margaret A. Schiber

Vigil services were held on Sunday, February 25, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home followed by a funeral mass on Monday, February 26, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Bodfish resident Margaret A. Schiber, age 77. Committal services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Rev. Charles Casale, parish priest of St. Jude's Catholic Church officiated. Mrs. Schiber passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Thursday evening, February 22, 1996.

She was born in Tiff, Missouri on June 15, 1918. She moved with her family while still an infant to Granite City, Illinois, where she spent her early years and received her education there at Sacred Heart School. She and George W. Schiber were married in Granite City, Illinois, on February 1, 1936, and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary together.

In 1954 they moved to Los Angeles and in 1960 built their home here, moving to the lake full time in 1966. She and her husband owned and operated the Plaza Shoe and Department Store, now known as the Shoe Box in Lake Isabella, until retiring in 1974.

Mrs. Schiber was a member of the St. Jude's Catholic Church and of the St. Jude's Altar and Rosary Society are was a past member of the Kernville Rebekah Lodge. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She especially enjoyed reading, knitting, quilting, canning, reading and was an exceptional cook and homemaker. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers Ollie and Mitch Roderick and by two sisters Grace Roderick and Sister Francis Gabriel. Mrs. Schiber is survived by her husband George of the family home in Bodfish; by sons and their wives Michael and Elizabeth Schiber of Templeton, California; Larry and Alice Schiber of Titusville, Florida; Phillip and Sandra Schiber of Livingston, California; and by two daughters and their husbands Carol and Rusty Thomas of Bodfish; and Linda and Tom Petty of Bakersfield. She is also survived by brothers and sisters Lawrence "Dick" Roderick, Cecelia Cruse, and Theresa Marie Harding, all of Granite City, Illinois, and James Roderick of Manhattan Beach, California; and by 13 grandchildren Melinda Kershner, Ruth Ann Browning, Michael Charles, Stephen, Leslie, Kaylyn, Nicollette, Carolyn and Lawrence Schiber, Jr., Doug and Jenny Thomas, and Michelle and Collette Randour, and by five great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Max Shaw

Max Shaw was born to William and Lottie Shaw on June 7, 1918, in Arkansaw, Wisconsin. The family moved back and forth between Wisconsin and California several times. Max went to elementary school in Long Beach, California, and attended high school in Wisconsin.

Max left Wisconsin in 1935 and returned to California where, in Torrance, he met Barbara Jane Hall and they were married in Glendale on October 7, 1939. Together, they lived in Long Beach, Torrance and other cities in the Los Angeles area. Max attended Pacific State University in Los Angeles where he became an electronics engineer. They spent 29 years together in the Northridge area before coming to the lake area in 1983.

He loved to fish and RV camp. He and Barbara belonged to the Kern Valley Rovers and went on many trips with other RVers. He also was a Ham radio operator and a member of the Kern Valley Amateur Radio Club. He loved music and played lead cornet at the Chicago World's Fair in 1936. Max loved animals, especially cocker spaniel dogs. Max was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

No matter what fate threw him, Max could overcome any odds to go on a trip, such as the time in the 1960's when the car never made it past Newhall and Max returned home, worked on the car for two days, started out again, noticed a broken axle on the trailer. They just rented another trailer and enjoyed the remainder of the vacation in the Redwoods.

Max is survived by his wife Barbara of nearly 56 years; two sons, Darryl of Lemoore, California, and Randy, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and one daughter, Lois Esteb-Cohen, of Simi Valley; plus six grandchildren, Tim, Jenny, Keith, Robbie, Brian, and Bill; and three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Chelsea, and Chantelle.

Donations can be made to the Highland Chapel Methodist Church Memorial Fund in memory of Max Shaw.

Arrangements provided by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Marceline Francine Ames (Esponda)

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 21, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at Rankin Ranch Cemetery, Walker Basin, for Marceline Francine Ames (Esponda) who died February 16, 1996 in Pico Rivera.

Mrs. Ames was born October 15, 1910 in Lorraine, California, and had resided in the Los Angeles area for 50 years.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Maynard Ames; son, Harold Richards and his wife Muriel; granddaughters, Jana Richards, Joanne Bloot; grandsons, Andrew and Josh; sister, Luteria Petersen; and brother, Johnny Esponda.

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Jonnel Amber Dolan

Jonnel Dolan passed away as a result of a traffic accident during the night of Saturday, February 24, 1996. The accident was not discovered until Monday, February 26, 1996.

Visitation was held on Thursday, February 29, 1996, and her funeral service was held on Friday, March 1, 1996, at 11:00 a.m.

Jonnel was born to John and Sharon Dolan in Riverside, California, on January 9, 1968. Jonnel moved to San Francisco and later in 1992 moved to the lake area where she lived and loved life to the fullest. She was a beautiful daughter, sister and member of her family.

She came to the lake area for one reason, "nature's beauty." She loved to hike and camp. It was said of her "She lived not in nature, but with it." Jonnel spent a lot of time along the river and streams of the area. She would set up her make believe cabin along the streams marking out her living room, her bath and so on. Even to the point that she would sweep the dirt in her living room. Everyone who knew her said, "That's Jonnel."

Jonnel is survived by her mother and stepfather, Sharon and Carl Nelson of Mt. Mesa, California; her father, John Dolan, of Riverside, California; two brothers Bryan Dolan of Columbia, South Carolina, and J.R. Wright of San Bernardino, California; one sister, Jacquelyn Jackson of Salinas, California; and her special friend and companion, Donald Jackson.

The family is taking comfort from the statement of one of the family members "God must have loved Jonnel very much to have taken her so young." She is loved and missed by all her family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Lorelei Soule Hubbell

Private family services will be held for Lorelei S. Hubbell, age 83, of Bodfish. A 20-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. Hubbell was born in Rifle, Colorado, on February 3, 1913, and entered into rest on February 29, 1996, in Bakersfield.

Lorelei was a commercial artist specializing in landscapes. She had worked in Civil Service during World War II and moved to the valley from Yorba Linda, California, after the death of her husband.

She was a caring, generous person who loved nature and all of God's creatures, especially cats and birds. She was known by her friends and neighbors as "the lady who feeds the birds." She enjoyed participating in art shows and was a talented cartoonist.

Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Dunagan, of Kernville, and a dear friend, Carol Wermuth, also of Kernville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996

Patricia Clytie Horn

Our most beloved Patricia Clytie Horn passed from this life on February 26, 1996, after a long and valiant struggle with breast cancer. Born on September 1, 1948, Patty was 47 years of age. It was a great joy and comfort for Patty to spend the last days of her life at her home in Wofford Heights, enjoying the spectacular views of Lake Isabella, surrounded by her loving family, friends, pet cat and of course, "Skipper, the Wonder Dog."

Patty was, right to the end, a positive and living expression of God. During the darkest hours of her struggle for life, Patty remained at peace, a loving conduit of God's love, sharing her strength, love and hope with all.

She met her mate of 28 years, Boyd, on a blind date at the U.S. Navy Seabee Base in Port Hueneme, were subsequently married and had four children, Hyrum, Aaron, Chuck and Clytie AnnaJean. Her son Aaron preceded his mother in death on February 26, 1995.

Patty is survived by her grandmother, Clytie Allen of The Burlington in Wofford Heights; her parents, Gerald and Jean Obert of Southlake; sister Peggy of Chico, California; sister Penny of Lancaster, California; brother Paul of Colorado; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Patty made so many deep and loving friendships, both in the Kern River Valley and abroad.

Her honesty, her caring and fun loving spirit, made Patty a wonderful companion. She was keen to pursue the wholesome, active life she loved. She sought to capture from life all that was beautiful, honest and fun. Patty was most beloved, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visitation was at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on Friday, March 1, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The funeral service was at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Mary True of the Unity Church of Petaluma officiating.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Robert Bruce Yeager III

Robert Bruce Yeager III, "John" was born November 28, 1946, into a Cascade Mountain snowstorm to Louise and Bob Yeager II. John grew up in those mountains surrounding Cascade Creek until he was four years old, when hard time and deep snow moved the family west to Tehachapi, California, where he attended schools from kindergarten to his high school graduation in 1964.

His passion for life was in the mountains and deserts, where he loved to explore, scrounge, hunt, fish and live. And those things he never stopped doing.

After spending a short time in junior college, John served in the U.S. Coast Guard aboard the USS Storris in Alaskan waters.

In 1969, while still serving the U.S.C.G., John married Kathy Freitag. They were living in Long Beach when their first son, Robert Bruce IV "Little John" was born. They then moved to Fresno, where John earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a lifetime teaching credential. While living in Fresno, their second son, Bryan Dallas, was born.

John and Kathy moved their family to the Kern Valley, where they made their home and where their daughter, Mindy Lou, was born. John's first teaching job was at Kern Valley High School, where he taught Ag and Ag mechanics for sixteen years. He grew to love all of the students who touched his life and he left lifelong impressions on many young people's hearts and minds.

His and Kathy's lives took separate paths, however John's thoughts never faded for his loved ones.

In 1992, John got a job advising FFA at Arvin High School and taught there since then. Through the years he received many letters of appreciation and awards. Most recently he was recognized for his efforts in project growth at Arvin High School FFA.

John spent the last few years hunting, fishing, exploring and enjoying the countryside with his sons, John and Bryan; his sweetheart and companion, Kim Titus; and his dog, Oso.

He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. John is survived by his children, John, Bryan and Mindy; and their mother, Kathy; his mother, Louise; brothers, Bart and Jack; sister Nancy; and many loving uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

On the 17th day of February, 1996, John went into the high country for the last time, where he will live in our hearts forever.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, February 28, 1996, in the Wood Family Funeral Service Chapel for family and friends. The family has requested in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to: FFA, Arvin High School, P.O. Box 518, Arvin, CA 93203. Wood Family Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

Allen Miller Coleman

Allen Coleman was born July 15, 1910, to George and Cora Coleman in Ronan, Montana. He entered into rest at his home in Bodfish, California, on March 7, 1996, at the age of 85.

He was a truck driver for Safeway Stores for 40 years and moved to the lake area in 1975. Allen was quite a leather craftsman and loved any hobbies requiring handwork. Later in his life, he became an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his daughter Shirley Sheumaker of Clovis, California; son Arnold, of Bonita, California; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; plus sisters Dora Taylor of Montana; Ruth Hendrickson of Washington; Bonnie Stipe of Montana; and brother Wesley of Montana. His wife, Edith, preceded him in death in 1991.

Allen will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services entrusted in the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Pysarchyk

Memorial services for Paul Pysarchyk will be held at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, Lake Isabella, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 1996. Pastor Floyd Castillo will be officiating. He died on March 4, 1996, following a lengthy illness.

Paul was born in New York City on April 8, 1918. He came to California in 1955 and retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District. In 1973, he moved to the Kern River Valley. Later he met and married Lena Mae in September 1984.

He loved to dance, travel, work with wood and in the yard. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #498, Bodfish Beamers, Senior Center and a member of the Highland Chapel.

Paul is survived by Lena Mae, is wife of almost 12 years; his former wife, Connie, of Bodfish; their children, Barbara Hubbard of Houston, Texas; Gregg Pysarchyk of Eagle Rock, California; and JoAnn Green of Rialto, California. Another son, Wayne, died in 1970. There are four grandchildren, Laura Lee, Teresa Ann, Ruben Paul and William Patrick, all of Houston; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren, also of Houston. He is also survived by two sisters, Olga and Mildred, and a brother, Walter.

Helyn L. Olson

Graveside services for Helyn L. Olson of Hanford, California, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 1996, at the Hanford Cemetery. Officiating were the Lucerne Chapter of the Eastern Star #127 and Sandy Jacobs, Minister of the Religious Science Church of Visalia, California. Mrs. Olson died Friday, March 1, 1996, at a Hanford hospital. She was 80 years old.

Mrs. Olson, a self-employed beauty operator, was born in West Fork, Arkansas, and lived in Kings County for 10 years. She was a member of the Unity Church, the Kern River Chapter 643 of the Eastern Star and a member the Grandmothers Club of California.

Helyn and Byron Olson retired to Lake Isabella in 1973 and moved to Hanford in 1986. They had spent many vacations, years before that in Lake Isabella. They had lived in Paramount, California, where Byron was Vice-President of Golden State Bank.

Her husband, Byron A. Olson, died in November 1989. Survivors include two stepsons, Byron Olson Jr. of Chatsworth and Allen Olson of Palm Springs; three step-daughters, Betty Brown of Van Nuys, Virginia Hall of Desert Hot Springs and Elna Pederson of Los Banos; two brothers, Paul Love of Downey and Joe Love of Ridgecrest; two sisters, Betty Vigario of Hanford and Doris Hofius of Long Beach; eight step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, March 4, 1996, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 5, 1996, at Whitehurst-McNamara Funeral Service.

Haskell B. Long

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 7, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Haskell B. Long. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey and Dr. W.M. East. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery with Pastor Robbie Robinson officiating.

H.B., as he was known, passed away on March 3, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California, after a long illness. He was born on April 15, 1909 in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, and married Gladys Chapman in 1930. He was ordained to the ministry in 1940 and moved to California in 1944 to help establish Southern Baptist Churches. His ministry in California was in Santa Ana, Long Beach, Whittier, Garden Grove and Clovis, all in Southern California.

In addition, he also served on many committees for the state convention, such as education that led to establishing the California Baptist College at Riverside; hospital; Children's Home and others.

H.B. also was a teacher for the Los Angeles School System, teaching in Watts at Jordan High School for eight years. In 1968, he taught Junior High Science at Woodrow Wallace until 1974. Then, because of age, he retired again and was used in the district as a substitute teacher for three years.

H.B.'s philosophy was "Education plus Evangelism," so he also served as pastor of beginning Southern Baptist Churches in the valley. He was pastor of all three Southern Baptist Churches: Lake Isabella Mt. View Southern Baptist; Kernville First Southern Baptist; and Weldon Southern Baptist Church. He has ministered to many people in the valley through "Education and Evangelism" in his 28 years in the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife Gladys and daughter Mary E. Long, both of Lake Isabella; daughter Monta Jo (Mrs. Charles Erikson) of Garden Grove, California; and Janet (Mrs. Charles Crawford) of New Orleans, Louisiana; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by so many.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions to the Buillding Fund of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Samuel Payne & Doris Roberta Moyer

Graveside services were held for Samuel Payne and Doris Roberta Moyer at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Sam, age 88, passed away on February 21, 1996, at a hospital. Doris passed away at her home a few weeks later on March 10, 1996, at the age of 85.

Sam was born in Washington D.C. on July 7, 1907. He was a mining engineer for Bechtel Engineering Co., Inc. He was a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, Sam has lived in the valley for 17 years.

Doris was born in Old Kernville on January 26, 1911. She has lived in Wofford Heights for 46 years, where she was a housewife. She and Sam were married for 56 years.

They are survived by their son Jack M. Ellis of Galt, California; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Ben Salas of Galt, California.

LaVetra Maxine Pope

LaVetra Maxine Pope, of Bodfish, passed away on March 8, 1996, at the age of 72 years. She was born in Kansas on February 21, 1924, to Andrew and Ida Threewit. Her husband, Julian, preceded her in death in 1993.

She moved from Kansas to California in 1928 and to Bodfish in 1979. Her life's career was that of a devoted homemaker. LaVetra leaves her daughters Bonnie Hubbard and husband Jim, Frankie Kirschenmann, Sharon McGowan and husband Dennis, Agnes Carson, and a son George Pope and his wife Carolyn, plus 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, Golden Rule Funeral Directors.

Charles Lee Gholson

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary for Charles Lee Gholson. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Gholson was born on August 3, 1936 in Mason Valley, Arkansas and passed away on March 12, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 22 years and has worked at Safeway and Vons for all those years here in the valley. He was very active in the FFA at the Kern Valley High School and the Explorers, also the Boy Scouts. He loved to fish at the lake and he also loved bowling.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Shirley, of Lake Isabella; his son Charles Lee II; daughter Angela Marie Gholson, also of Lake Isabella; his sisters Betty Graham of Texas and Helen Meigs of Sunnyvale. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Myrtle "Myrt" I. Robinson

Myrt passed away in Mt. Mesa, California, on March 10, 1996, at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 10 days. She was born in Warren, Ohio, on April 1, 1911, to Arthur and Violet Remalia. She graduated from Warren G. Harding High School. Myrt married Hillard S. Robinson on November 25, 1937, and moved with her family to Southern California in 1946.

Her vocation was in accounting, in which she worked until she retired at the age of 72. Myrt was widowed in 1971 and she moved up to the Lake Isabella area six years ago when her son and daughter-in-law moved here.

Myrt is survived by her son, Arthur Robinson and his wife, Barbara, of Bodfish; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a brother, Neal Ramalia and his wife Elma, of Hemet, California; and a niece, Mary Ann Lowry of Warren, Ohio. She will be greatly missed by all her friends, especially at her favorite coffee shop, and mostly by her family.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, Golden Rule Funeral Directors.

In memory of Richard Cross Sr. Love To My Daddy

The little man with silvery gray hair.

A little man whose memory wasn't there.

Whose heart was like a child,

But always lifted you up with a great smile.

He always talked of children in the trees.

Especially when the breeze hit the leaves.

His love for his family was really great.

As his wife stood by him, a loving mate.

When night came, he was afraid to sleep.

And many times, he started to weep.

When you patted his shoulder, and told him "it's alright."

He was able to sleep most of the night.

My heart was heavy with pain

When my daddy said many things without any gain.

We never stopped loving him as time went by.

All we could do is just try.

If medals are given to a person on earth,

Can you imagine how many my daddy is worth?

My daddy's not gone, he's takin' a rest.

Putting all of us kids to a test.

We know we will see him again, at heaven's gate.

If we all believe in God Almighty, he's there for the take.

I love you, Daddy, with all my heart.

You were always there right from the start.

I'll be there to walk with you hand and hand

Only the Lord knows when I can.

So, Daddy, wait at the golden stairs.

And you always know that your family really cares.

We will all be together in the great up above.

And it all started with a daddy for love.

I love you, Daddy, and will miss you.

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Lena Ethel (Gough) Braden

Graveside services were held for Lena Ethel (Gough) Braden, formerly of Lake Isabella, on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield, California. Officiating was Reverend Herman Lippert. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Hillcrest Chapel in Bakersfield.

Lena was born on February 1, 1916 in Appleton City, Missouri, and passed away of natural causes on March 10, 1996, at Beverly Manor Health Care Center in Ridgecrest, California. She was 80 years old.

She was a member of the Grandmother's Club #94, the Moose Lodge of Lake Isabella, and a member of the Beamer's Club.

Survivors include daughter Karen Joyner of Olancha, California, with whom Lena lived since May 1995; daughter June Bradstreet of Ridgecrest, California; grandson James B. MacDonald of Lancaster, California; granddaughter Nonnie Childers of Pomona, California; grandson Kenneth Anglin of Upland, California; great-granddaughter Joni Childers of Pomona, California; and great-grandson Dustin Childers of Pomona, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Arrangements by Holland & Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest, California.

Richard William Seltenreich

Private arrangements were made for Richard William Seltenreich who passed away on March 11, 1996, in Mt. Mesa after a long illness. He was born in Breckenridge, Colorado, on October 17, 1909 and has lived in California for more than 50 years.

He worked for MGM for 30 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley over 21 year ago. He was a member of the Moose, Elks and the Eagles. Richard and his wife Constance were very active in the valley before she passed away.

He is survived by his nephew James and his wife Janice and their family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Herbert L. Brady

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. for Herbert L. Brady of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Father Charles Casale. Burial followed on Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at San Fernando Mission Cemetery in Mission Hills. Officiating was Monsignor Amy.

Herbert was born May 20, 1935 in Staten Island, New York, and passed away at his home in Lake Isabella on March 10, 1996. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years and enjoyed camping here. His family said that he loved life and his beer. He also loved KVLI and was said to have all radios tuned to it.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Gloria, of Lake Isabella; his sons, Robert Brady of West Hills; Herbert Brady of Granada Hills; and daughters Gloria Sepulveda of Bakersfield; Kathy Freidman of Lake Los Angeles; Regina Gomez of Granada Hills; as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jerry Erwin Harper

Services are being held today, Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Rose Chapel for Jerry Erwin Harper. Jerry was born March 23, 1933, in Centralia, Illinois, the son of Herbert Gerald Harper and Mildred Ida Rapp. He was the second of three children born to this marriage. His older sister, Barbara Lucille, died at birth.

At the age of 12, Jerry was baptized and became a member of the New Harmony, Southern Baptist Church in Centralia, Illinois. He graduated at Centralia Township High School in 1952, and joined the United States Air Force on June 24, 1952 and was sent to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and was discharged June 23, 1956 in Tucson, Arizona. He served as an aircraft mechanic during his enlistment.

He married Marjorie Luella Lance on September 5, 1955, and five children were born to this marriage. Jerry lived and worked in Illinois for several years, and then moved to California. He was divorced from Marjorie, and later married Linda Elaine Fritzche on October 15, 1975. There were no children born to this marriage. Linda died of cancer on June 12, 1994, in Norwalk, California.

Jerry had worked for several years at Kraft Food Inc. as a maintenance mechanic, before having to retire on disability after two heart by-pass surgeries. After the death of Linda, he bought a home in Lake Isabella and moved here in January of 1995, living here until his death on March 20, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Gerald; sister Barbara Lucille; and wife Linda; also a daughter, Lisa Jean, still born, from his first marriage.

Jerry is survived by his mother and step-father, George and Mildred Peper (Paper) of Centralia, Illinois; four children: Vickie Lynn, Deborah June and Jerry Michael, all of Centralia, Illinois; and Herbert William of Peoria, Arizona. Six grandchildren of Arizona and Illinois; sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Jim Piper of Lake Isabella; and Jerry's girlfriend, Nellie Waugh, of Bodfish. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Phyllis Marie Hunter

Phyllis was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, on November 23, 1917. She passed away on March 19, 1996, in Bakersfield, California, at the age of 78. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Saturday, March 23, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Ralph Mickley of the Hilltop Christian Fellowship of La Mirada, California, officiating.

She met and married Carl Brink and together they moved to the Los Angeles area. Mr. Brink preceded her in death.

Phyllis remained in the Los Angeles area until she retired at which time she moved to the Lake area in 1970. After moving here she met and married Cortez Hunter. They were together until her death.

She loved to take her grandchildren fishing at the lake. She also loved to travel in her motor home all around the states.

Survivors include her husband Cortez of Lake Isabella; two sons [illegible] of Cumberton Furnace, Tennessee, and Gene [illegible] of Santa Ana, California; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and a great host of friends who knew her and [illegible]

[illegible] were entrusted to [illegible] the Lake Isabella [illegible] Home, a Golden Rule [illegible]

Fred J. Holzer

[illegible] family graveside ser[illegible] for Fred J. Holzer, [illegible] Kernville, in the Kern River Valley Cemetery. A 27-[illegible] resident, Mr. Holzer [illegible] August 14, 1911, in [illegible] Angeles, California, and [illegible] on March 19, 1996, [illegible] Hospital.

[illegible] served as a firefighter [illegible] Angeles City Fire [illegible] for 34 years, rising [illegible] engineer. He was [illegible] member of B.P.O.E. #2358 in [illegible] Heights.

[illegible] include his wife, [illegible] of Kernville; a daughter, Kathryn Poulos of [illegible], California; son Ted [illegible] of Oxnard, California; son [illegible] Nicolas of Fountain, Colorado; a brother, Alfred Holzer [illegible] Nuys, California; a sister-in-law, Daisy Annison of Valencia, California; granddaughters Cally and Pamela Poulos; [illegible] several nieces and nephews.

[illegible] arrangements by Valley [illegible] Lake Isabella.

Cildia Russell

Cildia Russell passed away Thursday, March 21, 1996, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, California. She was 72.

Born Cildia Timpe on February 18, 1924, in Jerseyville, Illinois, she was one of thirteen children.

Cildia lived in the Kern River Valley in California for the past 40 years. She was married to Jim Russell (deceased).

Together they made their home in Bodfish Canyon on property purchased from early days rancher Vern Harrington.

Cildia was well known for her outstanding cooking and worked at several Kern Valley eateries. She also enjoyed home canning. She liked to garden and raised rabbits.

She was also an accomplished artist in her own right. Other interests included sewing, reading and fishing.

She is survived by three children, Ron Fennell of South Gate, California; Judy Stone of Bakersfield, California; and Goldie Veitch of Meeker, Colorado; also one sister, Freddie Howard of Barstow, California; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Keith Shelton Parker

Keith Shelton Parker, age 77, entered eternal life on March 25, 1996, at his home in Kernville, California. Keith was born on December 24, 1918, in Lexington, Kentucky, to Shelton and Bessy Parker and they moved to California at the age of four. Keith attended Ventura College and U.S.C. and worked for Northrop Aircraft from 1940 to 1944 as an aircraft assembler. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1944 through 1946. He then became a patrolman for the California Highway Patrol in Ventura County for 27 years until his retirement in 1975.

In 1978 Keith began working on his dream home in Kernville, building it with his own hands. He married Agnes Ella Smith in 1981 and they moved here permanently in 1986.

Keith loved woodworking. He was President of the Kern Valley Golf Club and a member of the Elks.

Keith leaves his wife Agnes; a daughter Debbie Martin and husband Steve of Honolulu, Hawaii; and sister Doris Harris of Hawthorne, California. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services are private and arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Anthony W. Castro, Sr.

Graveside committal services were held on Friday, March 22, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. for Anthony W. Castro, Sr., at San Fernando Mission Cemetery, Mission Hills, California.

Mr. Castro was born January 10, 1920, in Santa Barbara, California, and passed away from a lengthy illness on Sunday, March 17, 1996, at a Pleasant Valley hospital. He was 76 years old.

Anthony retired from Rocketdyne Div. of Rockwell, Int. in Canoga Park. He was a 4th Degree Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge, the Kern Valley Rod and Gun Club and the Kern Valley Golf Association.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Janet Castro of Moorpark, California; son and daughter-in-law, George and Linda Castro of Canyon Country, California; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and his sister Geraldine Darci of Camarillo California.

Donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

LeAnn Carol Jones Jansen Scales

Graveside services were held Thursday, March 28, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for LeAnn Carol Jones Jansen Scales. Officiating was Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa, California.

LeAnn was born January 8, 1956, in Erie, Pennsylvania and passed away March 24, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident for 27 years and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1973. She was a local artist in the valley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Laurence Jones, Sr., and her uncle, Gordon Guy Cappelletty. She is survived by her husband, Gary Joe Scales of Pumpkin Center, California; her sons, Jeremy Earl Jansen Seaman Rcrt. from Great Lakes, Illinois, and Waylon Joe Scales of Lake Isabella; daughter Jennifer Audrey Jansen of Lake Isabella; mother, Audrey Katherine Jones; brothers, Henry Laurence Jones, Jr. and Dale A. Jones, all of Lake Isabella; sisters, Traci Lynn Dean Speicher from Germany and Cheryl Reneé Jones of Beaver Lake, Arkansas; maternal grandmother Katheryn Ellis of Riverbank, California, and paternal grandmother Pearl Arnold of Erie, Pennsylvania; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

If one chose to look up into the night sky recently, they would have seen amongst millions of stars a spectacle so amazing that all else paled by comparison. A brilliance that awed those fortunate enough to gaze upon its beauty. Alone in its journey, seemingly lost and seaching for a home, like a frightened child turning another corner in a city of indistinguishable neon lights. And only after gauging your own mortality with the significance of the event, do you then realize its purpose. Sent by God to bring together otherwise separated family and friends. And upon accomplishing this, has found a home. Yet all who looked could not have seen what I had seen, for I speak not of a comet, but my sister, who will be forever loved and missed. And unlike a comet, need not return, because she will stay with us in our hearts, always. Signed, D. Jones

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Fred J. Holzer

Private family graveside services were held for Fred J. Holzer, age 84, of Kernville, in the Kern River Valley Cemetery. A 27-year valley resident, Mr. Holzer was born August 14, 1911, in Los Angeles, California, and passed away on March 19, 1996, in a local hospital.

Fred served as a firefighter with the Los Angeles City Fire Department for 34 years, rising to the rank of engineer. He was also a member of B.P.O.E. #2358 in Wofford Heights.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Holzer of Kernville; a daughter, Kathryn Poulos of Canoga Park, California; son Ted Nicolas of Oxnard, California; son Christy Nicolas of Fountain, Colorado; a brother, Alfred Holzer of Van Nuys, California; a sister-in-law, Daisy Annison of Valencia, California; granddaughters, Cally and Pamela Poulos; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Charles (Chuck) A. Fitting

A private family viewing was held on Saturday, March 30, 1996, at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Charles A. Fitting who passed this life at his home in Wofford Heights on Friday, March 29, 1996.

Charles was born in Los Angeles, California, to Anna Marie and Charles A. Fitting, Sr. He lived and worked in the Los Angeles area until 1981 when he retired and moved to Wofford Heights. He married his loving bride JoAnne in 1982.

He was very active in the Citizens Service Unit and Bodfish Beamers. Charles enjoyed woodworking and living with the surrounding wildlife in the area.

Charles will be deeply missed by his wife JoAnne; daughter and son-in-law Verne and Richard Egan of Florence, Oregon; daughter and son-in-law Dianne and Gil Kajiki of Canoga Park, California; son and daughter-in-law Gregory and Laura Ito of Arleta, California; sister and brother-in-law Virginia and Donald Moore of Wofford Heights; grandsons Bryan Tollefson of Montana and Dale Tollefson of Oregon; niece Donna Moore of Rancho Palos Verdes, California and his faithful dog, Cinder.

He was a loving, humorous, faithful husband, father and friend. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

In remembrance of and in tribute to Charles, donations may be made to Kern Hospice Services, 5118 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, California 93240, or to the American Heart Association.

Services provided by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Howard Elston Bedwell

Howard Bedwell passed away quietly in his home in Squirrel Valley on March 29, 1996, due to complications in his battle with cancer. He would have been 82 on April 6.

Mr. Bedwell is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law Sandy and Doug Ernest and Judy and Dick Hallgren, all of Squirrel Valley; also seven grandchildren, eight surviving great-grandchildren and another on the way.

Howard was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Jane, and his great-grandson, Joshua.

He will be sorely missed by his family, numerous friends and at the golf course where he spent so many happy hours.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Dr. David Snow, Pastor and Rev. Douglas Ernest, Howard's son-in-law.

Anne Lee Newland

Anne Lee Newland, age 92, entered into eternal rest on Saturday evening, April 6, 1996, at her home at Pacific Regency Care Center in Bakersfield, California, where she had resided since October of 1987.

One of nine children of Joseph H. and Nannie Elizabeth Hensley Newland, she was born July 10, 1903, at Jackson, Kentucky. She was baptized, raised, lived and died in Christian faith, long time member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

Miss Newland spent her working years as an aide at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, and in private duty home care nursing. Never marrying, she spent her love on others – children, the needy, and the sick.

She is survived by one brother, Charles L. Newland, M.D., age 95, of Brevard, North Carolina. She has nieces, nephews and their families in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Georgia, and locally, nieces Margaret B. Vermillion, M.D., and Jean B. Welsh of Weldon, California. Her family acknowledges a sincere debt of gratitude to the wonderful staff at Pacific Regency who took such very good, loving care of her during the final eight and one-half years of her life.

Services willl be private and interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. She will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Bertram Robert Morgan

Private services at the home, officiated by Pastor Jack Dilley, were held for Bertram Robert Morgan, age 92, who passed away on April 5, 1996. Bertram passed away at home with many of his family members at his bedside. Interment was held at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Bertram was born to William and Ellen Morgan in West Cardiff Wales on July 7, 1903; moved to Canada at the age of nine, then to Michigan and Wisconsin. While living in Wisconsin, he met Laura Ella Parker, and they wre married on January 28, 1928. Laura preceded Bertram in death on January 18, 1996. They lived in Racine, Wisconsin, where three of their six children were born; they then moved to Kenosha, where their other three children were born. They came to California in 1950, were Bertram worked as a machinist in the aircraft industry. They moved to Bodfish in 1969. He loved to fish and was a great card player. He also loved dice games.

Bertram is survived by five sons, Bertram Jr. and wife Judy of Fontana, California; Ralph of Missouri; Marvin and wife Dianne of Bakersfield; James and wife of Grants Pass, Oregon; Michael and wife Nancy of Bodfish; and daughter Arvilla Stern of Lake Isabella; plus 29 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Bertram will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements were entrusted into the care of the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

J. Glenn Alexander

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 11 a.m. in Kern River Valley Cemetery for J. Glenn Alexander, age 81, who passed away April 11, 1996, in Lake Isabella. Reverend John Carpenter of the Kernville Methodist Church will officiate.

Mr. Alexander, born September 4, 1914, in San Jose, California, had resided 63 years in the Kernville area where he was a well-known cattleman.

He is survived by his sons, Gary Alexander and wife Sharon, Bill Alexander and wife Jan, Jim Alexander and wife Debbie; daughters, Susan Ardesch and husband Rene, Pat Alexander; step-daughter, Portia Beebe and husband Buster; sisters, Margaret Heringer and husband Bill, Alice Hogge and husband Claude; grandchildren, Brad Alexander and wife Karen, Kelly Pennebaker and husband Randy, Hattie, Joseph, Kevyn, Glenn and Will Alexander, Jennifer Swassing, Lettie Ardesch, Alison Hamm and husband Eli, Greg Humphrey and wife Chris; great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Jacob and Jessica Alexander. He was predeceased by his wife, Frances Alexander, and his second wife, Helen Alexander.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the F.F.A. Booster Scholarship Fund, c/o Kern Valley High School, 3340 Erskine Creek Road, Lake Isabella, CA 93240. No visitation is scheduled.

Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Directors.

Daisy "Polly" Bruce Rollo

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights at 11:00 a.m., April 13, 1996, for Daisy "Polly" Bruce Rollo of Mountain Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Dr. David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Daisy, known as "Polly", was born May 27, 1905, in Battle Creek, Michigan, and passed away at her home in Mountain Mesa on April 3, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Walter Russell Rollo, who passed away in October 1994; sister, Marion Bruce Zimmer in 1976; and brother, Frederick Bruce in 1941.

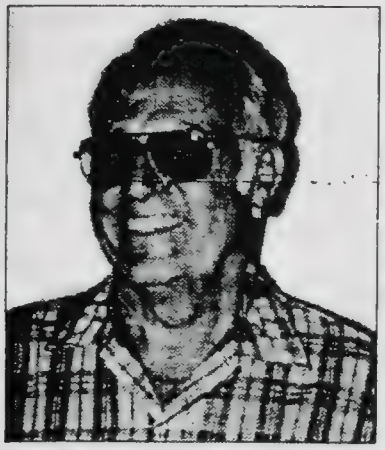
She grew up in Michigan and New York, met Walter while working in Elmira, New York. They married in 1927, had two children, a son and a daughter and moved to California in 1941. They both were involved in much community service work and helping others.

Polly was active in Parent Teachers Associations, as president, publicity and other as well as being a Girl Scout Leader and Girl Scout Commissioner in Temple City, California, where they lived a good portion of their lives. While there, she was also the first woman to be elected to the school board and later to become Chairman of the Board. As a Red Cross Volunteer, Polly was recognized by the Veterans Administration for achieving 500 hours of active service at the veterans hospital. Walter and she were 25 years active members of the Good Sports, those devoted to helping people primarily in wheelchairs. They were honored by the Temple City Council for outstanding community service. Polly was selected by the Council as the Senior Citizen of the Year in 1981, and later honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in the Older American Recognition Day, an honor given to those who are still actively involved in service to others in their community.

Upon moving to Mountain Mesa in 1983, Polly retired from active community service, but continued to be interested in others, helping wherever she could, writing many letters to cheer others, enjoying her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing cards and writing amusing poetry.

She is survived by a son, Bruce Rollo, of Pasadena, California; daughter, Virginia Burrows, of Mountain Mesa; nephew, Gerald Zimmer, Jr., of Sun Lakes, Arizona; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Her deep faith was evident in her life. She was very much loved and will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Walter Washburn

Walter Wilshire Washburn, age 73, died peacefully at the Kern Valley Hospital on April 6, 1996. He retired to Kernville 10 years ago to the home they purchased five years previously. He was born in Los Angeles on February 21, 1923. Previous to retirement he had a plumbing contracting business in Northridge, California, for 30 years. He was both a second generation native of California and plumber. He married June when he was 19 after courting her for two years. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary last July.

Walt became very active locally in the Lions Club serving two years as President, the KMAC Model Flying Club, Camp Owen volunteer (with two other Lions) teaching the boys to build and fly model airplanes, ran the Lions Bingo for three years and was a member of the Airport Association. He was very patriotic and proud to have served in the Army Engineers in World War II participating in the D-Day Landings.

Walt's proudest achievements were his daughter Cheryl Goldie of Union City, his son Lonie Washburn (a third generation Californian and plumber) of Canoga Park; granddaughter Moirs Goldie (currently graduating from the University of Redlands). He left daughter-in-law Suzanne Washburn; and sisters Kay Canzoneri and Bonnie Barker.

Burial was April 12, 1996, at the Kern Valley Cemetery. The family requests any donations to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella.

Funeral arrangements provided by Valley Mortuary.

Mary Surprenant

Services were held for Mary Surprenant, age 82, on April 11, 1996, in Lodi, California. Born in Massachusetts, she passed away on April 8, 1996, in Lodi.

Mary lived in Wofford Heights for six years. She was a member of the St. Jude Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Albert; son Jerry, owner of Jerry's RV; son Gene, who lives in Lodi; son Edward, also of Lodi; daughter Denise, of Riverside, California; seven grandchildren.

Ruby Irene Herring

Graveside services for Ruby Irene Herring, age 82, of Weldon were held on Saturday, April 13, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Baptist Church.

A 25-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. Herring was born to William and Martha Rexroat in Aline, Oklahoma on July 20, 1913 and passed from this life on April 11, 1996.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert L. Herring in 1986. She is survived by her sons James of Weldon and Clarence of Nebraska; grandsons James of Dustin Acres; and Kenny, Ronnie and Craig, all of Nebraska; granddaughter Debbie of Adelanto, California; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

"We love you, Grandma. Thank God for blessing us with such a beautiful person and thank you Grandma for all the precious memories. You will be deeply missed. Love, Your family."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Gordon V. "Bud" Moxon

Gordon "Bud" Moxon was born on November 16, 1932, in Hawthorne, California, the first son born to Marion and Santford Moxon. Bud was always a loving and respectful son. Bud graduated in 1951 from Gardena High School where he participated in football and basketball, and in recent years he became active in the alumni association. He looked forward to and took great pleasure in assisting in the planning of class reunions. After serving his country in the United States Army, Bud worked in the aerospace industry until his retirement in 1988, at which time he and his wife Donna moved to Bodfish.

Bud loved to fish and enjoyed working with the fish habitat program and helping out in the annual fishing derby here at Lake Isabella. He especially enjoyed helping with the children's fishing derby. Bud loved nature and all of its animals. He would go out of his way to protect or care for any injured animal.

He worked for the Forest Service in the Senior Community Service Employment Program and was an active member of the Kern County Sheriff's Department's "Citizen Service Unit." Bud enjoyed working for the Sheriff's Department and serving the community that he loved so well. He set an example for other members to follow.

In addition to his wife Donna, Bud leaves his mother Marion Brown and her husband Clarence of Weldon; his five children, son David Moxon of Milner, Georgia; daughter Laura Trice, also of Milner; son Danny Moxon of Yatesville, Georgia; daughter Lorna Stroup of Lewisport, Kentucky; and son Chris Moxon of Bodfish; sisters Pat Burns of Hawthorne, California and Norma King of Cerritos, California; and brother Ron Moxon of Pahrump, Nevada. Bud is also survived by ten wonderful grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of whom he was very proud.

All who knew Bud will remember his great sense of humor and how he loved to tell jokes. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him including his beloved dogs, Daisy Mae, Sooner, and Spanky.

"May you be rewarded in heaven for your kindness on earth. We love you."

Arrangements entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, Golden Rule Funeral Directors.

Ruth Louise Martin

Memorial services were held for Ruth L. Martin on Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Ruth was born on August 7, 1917, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Mary and Earl Crowder. Ruth married Lynn Martin in Redondo Beach, California, on May 17, 1938.

They lived in Redondo Beach until 1975 when Lynn retired and they moved to the Kern River Valley.

Ruth was an active member of the Highland Chapel until they moved to Park City, Utah, a few years ago. She died in Salt Lake City on April 3, 1996.

She is survived by her husband of more than 57 years, Lynn Martin; their children, Steve and wife Dian Martin; Randy Martin; Linda and husband Ernie Stone; and one grandchild, Bill Stone. All live in Park City, Utah. Ruth is also survived by her many friends.

Olga Paul Swift

Olga Swift, age 84, passed away on April 10, 1996, in San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1996, at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home Rose Chapel with Pastor Jack Dilley of the Johnsondale Bible Church officiating.

She was born to John and Deice Paul in Norfolk, Virginia. Olga served as a Corporal in the Women's Army Air Corps during World War II. She met Clair Swift in Portsmouth, Virginia, and they were married on August 21, 1953, by a Navy Chaplain.

Olga and her son traveled everywhere the Navy sent Clair. His last hitch of duty was in Long Beach, California, and he was discharged in San Francisco. She and Clair moved to Ridgecrest in 1960 where she worked at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center. They moved to Lake Isabella in 1969.

Her hobbies consisted of gardening and she loved traveling. She also loved to study genealogy and she was a member of the Clan Diggers, Eastern Star and Mended Hearts. The apple of her eye was her only grandson, David.

Olga is survived by her husband Clair of Mt. Mesa; one son Paul, of Denver, Colorado; and her grandson, David. She will be greatly missed by all whom she knew and helped. Her family will always love and remember her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Edna Allman

Graveside services were held at Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, at 2 p.m. on April 22, 1996 for Edna Allman, age 82. Personal eulogies were said. Possible services to be scheduled at a later date.

Edna was born on June 24, 1914, in Lomita, California, and passed away on April 14, 1996. A retired nurses' aide, she had been a resident of Weldon for 19 years. She was a member of the Eagles, Grandmother's Club, and Women's Club for years.

She is survived by her children Earl J. Allman of Florida; Doris Strom of Huntington Beach; Roy Allman of San Diego and Daniel Allman of Weldon. Also surviving Edna are three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Elmer and Floyd Higgs. She was a loved friend to many in the valley and bedside nurse to several dying patients in Weldon and Southlake areas.

Arrangements by Green Hills Memorial Park.

Ralph Francis Obert

A mass for Christian burial was held on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Ralph Francis Obert. Officiating was Father Charles Casale. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Mr. Obert was born on January 11, 1909 in St. Louis, Missouri, and passed away April 14, 1996, in Bakersfield, California.

Mr. Obert worked for the Pacific Telephone for 40 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley on January 1, 1970. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude's Parish, the WHIGs, 55+ Club and the Rod and Gun Club.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Marion and good friend Jack Hays of Wofford Heights; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frederick Thomas Lees

Frederick Thomas Lees, born in Newark, Ohio on January 10, 1906, passed away on April 19, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. He was one of ten children born to William A. and Grace Dorsey Lees.

Survivors include his wife Clara; sister Grace Kissack and husband Bill; sister Helen Pierce and husband Jack; sister Mary Sutton and brother Walter Lees.

Prior to coming to the valley, Fred was part owner of L & L Oldsmobile in the San Fernando Valley. He was past Commander of the American Legion Post 735 and held life membership. He was a member of Al Malaikah Temple and of the Kern River Valley Chapter of the Eastern Star #643. Fred held an honorable discharge from the Army of the United States.

He will be remembered for his jolly spirit, his keenness of mind, his interest in contemporary affairs and his youthfulness at the age of 90.

A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Temple at 11:00 a.m. on April 25, 1996. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation or the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary.

Deb Carson Thomas

A memorial service will be held at the Kern River on Saturday, April 27, 1996, for Deb Carson Thomas. Please contact Fern Leighton at 379-4444 for information.

Deb was born in Holden, Massachusetts on July 2, 1962. She came to the Kern River in 1986 to become a riverguide. She discovered something incredible there that she was able to share with many people.

She is survived by her husband, Mark; son, Alexander; father, David; mother, Evangela; and her brother, David Jr.

Deb just had a beam about her – more than her beaming smile, which was perpetual, it was a feeling you got from her – you got swept up in her beam – you became more energized, creative, child-like, caring, playful, smiling, joyful for it. It was like a contagious joy, like sitting in a warm sunbeam, like being able to live in one of her drawings – "Star of the Day! Who will it be?" she would sing – and though she said it was you, we all knew Deb was the real Star of the Day. She brought out the best in us all, Deb was always beaming so.

Her wishes were that her friends gather at the Kern, where she shared so much wonder and laughter with all of us. She knew the power and magic of the river and of the loving friendships it fosters. "Yes, we are the lucky ones!" she always said.

Her spirit will always be alive in the cherished and true works of art she left. Her spirit will forever flow within each of us who knew her. Her spirit will live on in her beautiful son, Alexander.

Because of you, Deb, we are the lucky ones! We love you very, very, very much.

Larry Lee Lindell

Larry Lee Lindell, "Big Sweety", age 59, passed away on April 12, 1996, at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, California. Larry was born in Rock Island, Illinois on August 4, 1936 to Warren and Grace Lindell. He served in the U.S. Army and upon discharge in 1956, moved to California, settling in the Gardena area.

He and Linda Ann Sluti were married on August 4, 1979, in Redondo Beach, California, and they owned and ran a trucking business prior to moving to the Kern River Valley in 1981. In 1991, they opened the very popular R-Haven Restaurant in Bodfish. Larry was also employed for 15 years as a group counselor at Camp Irwin Owen. He was a member of the Moose and loved to camp and fish.

Besides his wife, Linda, Larry leaves his mother Grace Turner, of Texas; daughters Debra Alvarez, Susan Gunthrie, Linda Steakin, Jeri Rae Binder, all of Illinois; sons Terry Lee Lindell of Van Nuys, California; and Michael Stevenson of Lake Isabella. Also surviving Larry are 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brothers Bill of Wisconsin and Dan of Illinois; and sisters Lois Coleman and Bonnie Ewing, both of Illinois.

Larry will be greatly missed by his family, friends, fellow employees, customers and all whose lives he touched. As he wished, a wake was held at the restaurant on Monday, April 15, 1996.

Arrangements made by the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Richard "Dick" W. Flatt

Richard "Dick" W. Flatt was born to Fredrick and Selma C. Flatt on April 2, 1918, in Driscol Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. He passed away on April 9, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Facility in Los Angeles, California. He had been ill for several years. In addition to eye problems, he suffered from Diabetes, Parkinson's Disease and heart problems. As he had trouble communicating he seemed to withdraw from his friends and family.

Dick learned to speak French at an early age in Sunday School and public school as that was the native language. He was an avid reader, loved poetry and recited it often throughout his life. After school, he went to work on a large sheep ranch in Montana and after a couple of years he grew tired of the cold weather. He caught a freight to visit the relatives that had bragged about the sunny California. With their help he got a job in a grocery warehouse.

Soon after being here, there was talk around about a war and the men his age were joining the military service. One visit to the Navy recruiter, he was signed up and reported to duty October 11, 1939 for a six-year hitch, and served until October 16, 1945. Except for special training in later years, he served on the USS Phoenix and a few months on the Asiatic Pacific Area duty he served on the USS Leary. He enjoyed seeing the world, survived the Pearl Harbor attack and many other battles without a scratch. The saddest day for him was when he learned his brother, another Pearl Harbor survivor, was killed in the same battle that he was in and very close to his ship.

After returning to his home, he went to work at Certified Grocers in Los Angeles. He retired February 1, 1976, 31 years of service and 26 years a trustee for Local #630. He also was a member of the Quarter Century Club, a member of the baseball team and bowling team. He was a refrigeration maintenance person.

He always kept busy at an early age. He would ice skate in the winter time and played baseball in the summer. His later hobbies were fishing by day and dancing anytime there was good music. He was often called "Twinkle Toes."

Soon after his retirement he found another job, Club Manager starting at the American Legion Post #645 in Bell Gardens, then later here at this Eagles Lodge for about 10 years.

He was a member of the Teamsters Retirees in Bakersfield, life member at Eagle Lodge #3156, Moose Lodge #1297, Pearl Harbor Survivors Chap. #19, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665, Kern River Valley, American Legion Post #711.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother Garfield and stepson Donald Parkey. Survivors include his wife Dannie; brother Harland and wife Brenda; nephew, Kimm and wife, Sarah Flatt; uncle Emil Evenson of Lake Elsinore, California; uncle Marvin Evenson of New Effington, South Dakota; uncle Arnie Evenson of Portland, Oregon; aunt Avenal Orasa of Hemet, California; aunt Ruth Holm of Sissiton, South Dakota; aunt Minn Anderson of Hanksinson, South Dakota; cousins Tommie Gettel of Fresno, California; Dr. Marilyn Evenson of Ventura, California and several others.

Services were held on April 13, 1996, at the Allen-English and Estrada Funeral Chapel with Reverend Jack Showers officiating. Another service was held on April 18, 1996, at the Eagles Lodge #3156. Participating in the services were American Legion #711, DVA #54, Pearl Harbor Survivors #19 and the VFW #7665.

His ashes are to be placed at sea by the United States Navy.

Deb Carson Thomas

A memorial service was held at the Kernville Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, April 27, 1996, for Deb Carson Thomas.

Deb was born in Holden, Massachusetts on July 2, 1962. She came to the Kern River in 1986 to become a river rafting guide. She discovered something incredible there that she was able to share with many people.

She leaves her husband, Mark William Thomas; and 8-month-old son, Alexander Carson Thomas, of Santa Cruz, California; her parents, Dave and Evangela (Ward) Carson of Holden, Massachusetts; her brother's family, David, Jean Marie, Derek and Zachary Carson of Auburn, Massachusetts; in addition to family and friends from all over the U.S. and many other countries.

Deb graduated from Wachusett High School and the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst, Massachusetts. She became an artist and developed a design and printing business called "Full Moon Enterprises." She and her husband were married on the Kern River under a full moon. Each full moon that followed, the two celebrated as "honeymoons."

Deb just had a beam about her – more than her beaming smile, which was perpetual, it was a feeling you got from her – you got swept up in her beam – you became more energized, creative, child-like, caring, playful, smiling, joyful for it. It was like a contagious joy, like sitting in a warm sunbeam, like being able to live in one of her drawings – "Star of the Day! Who will it be?" she would sing – and though she said it was you, we all knew Deb was the real Star of the Day. She brought out the best in us all, Deb was always beaming so.

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Her spirit will always be alive in the cherished and true works of art she left. Her spirit will forever flow within each of us who knew her. Her spirit will live on in her beautiful son, Alexander.

Because of you, Deb, we are the lucky ones! We love you very, very, very much.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alexander Carson Thomas Education Fund, c/o Doug Ardley, 220 Darwin St. #B, Santa Cruz, California 95062.

Wesley C. Morris

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for Wesley C. Morris. Officiating was the officers of the Elks. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Morris was born May 22, 1920, in St. Lewis, Missouri, and passed away April 18, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years. He retired from the City of Burbank after 36 years and he loved to garden and had planted many beautiful roses. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and past trustee and Elk of the Year in 1983. "He was the greatest Dad."

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Waver Morris of Wofford Heights; and his daughters and their husbands, Waver and Bert Hamrick of Georgia; DiAnna and Bill Hawkins of Big Bear, California; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and his brother Carl Morris of Sunland, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Anna Margaret Jones

Anna Jones, age 94, was born on September 18, 1901, in Wakefield, Nebraska, to Heinrich and Elise Hattij. She attended grammar school in Wakefield, then moved to Lancaster, California, where she attended high school. Anna lived in Lancaster until 1992 at which time she moved to Bakersfield and lived in the Golden State Convalescent Home until her death on April 20, 1996.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Oddfellows Lodge, 425 30th St. in Bakersfield. Private burial will follow in Lancaster.

While in Lancaster, she met and married Cecil Jones, who preceded her in death. Cecil worked for Southern California Edison in Lancaster. He also worked for J.W. Black at his blacksmith shop in Lancaster on a part-time basis.

Anna worked as a waitress at the then famous Harvey House Restaurant in Lancaster's earlier days. She and Cecil often spoke of the 20 mule team that used to go through Lancaster. Often Cecil spoke of the 2600 people who lived in the Antlope Valley area in 1908.

It was very well known that Anna made the best wedding cakes in the Antelope Valley. During World War II when gas, butter and sugar were rationed, Anna had people bring the butter and sugar for the cakes, using their own gas to pick them up. Anna was very active in the Oddfellows Lodge. She was a member of the Lancaster Rebekah Lodge #196 for 74 years. She was also Past District Matriarch, Past District Deputy President, Past Advisor of Theta Rho Girls Club. On one occasion in 1968, when her son, Charles, was taking several youths to Denver, Colorado, to the Junior Theta Rho Convention, he was short a car so he called Anna to ask if they could borrow her car for the trip. In a matter of minutes she was packed and ready and drove her car to the Denver convention. Anna was the first Color Bearer of the Rebekah Assembly of California in 1947-48.

Anna is survived by her two sons and their wives, Charles and Marian Jones of Weldon, California; and Robert C.L. Jones and Shirley of Eugene, Oregon; one sister, Stena Frasch of Bonesteel, South Dakota; two brothers Bob Hattij of Fredrickburg, Iowa; and Henry Hattij, of Bonesteel, South Dakota; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, as well as a great host of those who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Kernville Rebekah Lodge for the Childrens' Home in Gilroy, California, in memory of Anna Jones, P.O. Box 595, Kernville, California, 93238.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family Funeral Home of Lake Isabella, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

William L. Sunderland

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on May 4, 1996, at the Elks Lodge for William L. Sunderland, age 71. He was born on February 19, 1925, in Akron, Ohio, and passed away on April 17, 1996, at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital in Indio.

A World War II veteran, William served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 in Pacific Theater. He was later employed by the Santa Fe Railroad where he was Supervisors of Operations. He has lived in the Weldon area since 1970.

He was a life member of the Kern Valley Elks, associate member of the Indio Elks, a life member of the VFW, a member of the Eagles, American Legion and the Moose.

William is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marvel, of Weldon; sons Craig and Gary Sunderland, both of Weldon; and sister June Slater of Akron, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the City of Hope, Elks Foundation or Heart Association.

Gertrude V. Carrick

Private family services have been held for Gertrude V. Carrick, 89, of Wofford Heights. A 17-year Kern Valley resident, Mrs. Carrick was born on November 28, 1906, in Vinita, Oklahoma, and passed from this life on April 25, 1996 at her home.

She had worked as a real estate agent for several years. Since moving to the valley, she and her husband had enjoyed fishing in the lake and river.

In addition to her husband, Gordon Carrick, of Wofford Heights, she is survived by her daughters, Betty Jane Bunoski of Sutter Creek and Shirley Ann Benton of Glendale; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; one brother and three sisters. She was loved and will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to have known her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Teralee "Terri" Pace

Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel in Bakersfield on Friday, May 3, 1996, for Terri Pace, age 57, who passed away on April 29 in Bakersfield. Terri was born on August 22, 1938 in Bellflower, California, and resided in Kern County ten years. She was a former resident of Kernville, where she was employed at the Kern Valley Sun. She was employed as a billing clerk in the home health care business for four years, last employed at Med-Mart.

Terri is survived by her sons, Kelly, Michael and Andrew; daughters, Shannon and Dianne; step-sons, Alan and Kent; and ten grandchildren.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors.

Roy Fay Jones

Private arrangements were made for Roy Fay Jones who was born in Union City, Pennsylvania on May 13, 1926, and passed away in Mt. Mesa, California, on May 1, 1996.

He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 22 years. He served in the Air Force during World War II from 1941 to 1950.

Roy is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children Robert, Thomas, Della, Tina and DeWitt, all residing in California; Lee, in Colorado; eight grandchildren; 2 brothers, Richard and Ralph, of California; four sisters, Patricia, Loralee, Linda and Sally and many relatives and friends in Pennsylvania.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
"I am not there; I did not die."

Author Unknown
My loving father

Maureen C. Carver

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Maureen Catherine Carver, 65, of Lake Isabella. Maureen was born February 25, 1931 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and passed away on May 3, 1996, in Lake Isabella.

She was a homemaker and during her six years in the valley she had become involved with the quilting club, the Friends of the Library and the Kern River Valley Historical Society. She spent most of her adult life as a homemaker and raised eight children. She and her husband, Gerald E. "Jerry" Carver, would have celebrated their 44th anniversary in July.

In addition to her husband, Maureen leaves two daughters, Kathleen Mary Ory of El Segundo, and Nora Ann Rouqe of Hawthorne: six sons, Kevin Michael Carver of San Diego, Matthew Mark Carver of Hawthorne, Sean William Carver of Long Beach, Timothy Patrick Carver of Long Beach, James Joseph Carver of Newport Beach and David Francis Carver of Hawthorne; 18 grandchildren; a brother, Michael M. Tierney of St. Paul, Minnesota and a sister, Molly LaChapelle of Maryland.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Franklin "Frank" Conrad

Services were held on Friday, May 3, 1996, at 11 a.m. at the Four Square Church in Wofford Heights for Franklin "Frank" Conrad. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Frank passed away at his home on May 1, 1996, at the age of 81 years young.

He was born one of six children to Barton and Ettie Conrad on April 14, 1915, in Pasley, Oregon.

The family moved to California in 1916 and in 1938 Frank married Olga Williams, his wife of 57 yeras. They had two daughters, June and Carol.

He is survived by his wife, Olga Conrad, of Kernville; daughter June Conrad of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Ronnie Crowder of Kernville; four grandsons and their families Bill Hunt and wife Lynn of Kernville; Clint Hunt and wife Lisa of San Jose, California; Ronnie Crowder, Jr. and wife Sammi of Oklahoma; Robbie Hunt and wife Jennifer of Bakersfield, California; three great-grandsons; seven great-granddaughters; sister Mae Chandler of Grass Valley, California; and brother Fred Conrad of Ceres, California.

A few days before Frank's 81st birthday, he began his new life as a born again Christian enjoying his new Christian work with his family and his new Christian family at Wofford Heights Four Square Church. On May 1st, he quietly entired into his eternal life with his new found Savior, Jesus.

There was a luncheon in the gym at the church following the graveside service.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Lorraine Luverna Inskeep

Lorraine, 76, was born in Wintersett, Iowa, on July 6, 1919, to Frank and Mary Cooper. She entered into eternal rest on April 30, 1996. She left Iowa in 1940 and came to Hollywood, California and continued to live in the Southern California cities of Burbank, Glendale and San Bernardino before moving to the lake in 1974. While living in Glendale, she met William "Sarge" Inskeep and they were married in Santa Barbara on December 31, 1958.

She loved her garden, especially the roses, and was very active with outside work. In fact, if you couldn't find Lorraine working in her garden, you just might find her on the roof, sweeping leaves. She also adored her children and grandchildren.

Lorraine had a special love for the Lord and she served him with all her heart. She was faithful to her church, the Lake Isabella Seventh Day Adventist Church.

In addition to her husband, Sarge, Lorraine leaves children Frank Webb of Valencia, California; Joyce Sites of Sandy, Oregon; Lorraine Finley of Wofford Heights; Jean Ann West of Columbus, Ohio; and William Inskeep, Jr., of Las Vegas, Nevada; sisters Louise Bowstead of Cottage Grove, Oregon; and Francis Butters of Sioex City, Iowa; plus 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Kenneth D. Ruggles "Papo"

Kenneth Denzel Ruggles, 81, passed away on April 25, 1996, at Antelope Valley Hospital after a long battle with heart disease. He was born June 6, 1914 in Augusta, Kansas, and received his education there.

He entered the U.S. Army and upon discharge in 1946 returned to Augusta where he married his first wife Phyllis in 1936 and they moved to California in 1956 where he was transferred by his employer, Mobil Oil, for whom he worked 43 years, before retiring. In 1982, he moved to the Kern River Valley and in 1986 married Lulu Kennedy. Lulu preceded him in death in 1995.

Kenneth was a member of the Elks, American Legion and the Eagles. He loved to garden and his great joy was his great-grandson, Jeremy.

In addition to Jeremy, Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Sandi Moldenhauer of Hesperia; grandson Cory Moldenhauer of Oceanside; granddaughter Tammy Birch and husband John of Lancaster; granddaughter Jamie Chavez and husband John of Wilsonville, Oregon; brother Donald of Augusta, Kansas; and sister Doris of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Kenneth was laid to rest on April 29, 1996, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery where a graveside service was held with Rev. Richard Lewis, Pastor of Kernville First Baptist Church in Kernville. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Mabel "Mickey" Florence Sandifur

Mabel Florence Sandifur "Mickey", age 86, was born on May 15, 1909, in Wells County, North Dakota, to Philip and Christina Tulp where she received her schooling and spent her younger years.

She moved to Glendale in 1936 with her young children and began a new life there. She then moved to North Hollywood, where she worked at Rathbun's Department Store. While working there she became acquainted with a gentleman who owned a business across the street from her work. She recognized him as a man who often had coffee in the restaurant in Glendale where she also had coffee. They began dating and had a nice comfortable relationship until another lady began to eye him and she decided they should marry. They were married on June 28, 1958 with fewer friends than expected because the wedding invitations read "Cecil and Mabel" and some of their friends did not know who they were.

Soon after their marriage, they purchased and developed property in Havilah, then moved to the Kern River Valley in the 1960's. Sandy was the love of Mickey's life and she devoted the years after their marriage to being a homemaker and wife. She was an excellent cook and had a flair for decorating their lovely home. She took great pleasure in always looking her very best for herself and all of those whom she loved and who loved her.

In addition to her loving husband, Sandy, Mickey is survived by daughters Lorraine Sartoris and Donna Goagee, of Lake Isabella; Joanne Sandifer of Rathdrum, Idaho; son Tom Sandifer of Torrance; a sister Lillian Jamison of Lake Isabella; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held on May 2, 1996, at Rose Chapel with Pastor John Carpenter of United Methodist Church in Kernville, officiating. Interment at Kern Valley Cemetery was private.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Margaret "Peggy" Marie Vermeer

Memorial services were held for Margaret "Peggy" Marie Vermeer on Sunday, May 5, 1996, at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Pastor Floyd R. Castillo officiated. The service was followed by a meal at the Moose Lodge.

Peggy was born April 30, 1920 in Redding, Pennsylvania, to Mary Hummel and Fred Otstot. She served our country during World War II as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946. She moved to California in 1948 to North Hollywood, where she met and married Warren "Bud" Howard Vermeer. Their marriage took place in Yuma, Arizona on February 16, 1952.

She and Bud moved from Reseda, California, to the Kern River Valley in January 1985 where they set up their home in Squirrel Valley. She felt that this was the best place in the world. She knew that she had found the perfect place and told all her friends! She loved to work in her yard and grew flowers of all kinds and colors. Peggy was an excellent seamstress, creating clothing for all of her family. She loved to dance and was very good at it. Peggy was a garage sale fanatic where she always met a lot of new friends. She belonged to the VFW Auxiliary, Ladies of the Elks, Ladies of the Moose, Eagle Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion, White Shrine, Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Chapter #10.

Peggy is survived by Bud, her husband of more than 44 years; their son, Michael Vermeer of Los Angeles; daughters Linda LaBlue of Lake Isabella, Marijane Downey of Simi Valley, and Sandy Kemeghan of Placerville. She is also survived by two brothers, Harold and Fred Otstot. There are eight grandchildren.

Arrangements made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Edgar Alvin Wood, III

Edgar Alvin Wood, age 76, was born in Rhode Island on October 11, 1919, to Edgar and Genevieve Wood, II. He received his schooling while living in Rhode Island. He entered the U.S. Army and served his country in Germany as an M.P. from 1942 to 1947. He was so proud to have served his country he even bought a used Army Jeep.

After leaving the service, Edgar moved to California in 1956, settling in Lomita. He moved to Torrance in 1970 where he married his wife Velma and they moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982, after retiring from Borg Warner, the company he had worked for since leaving the service.

Edgar loved life! His favorite pasttime was dancing and he especially loved Halloween. He and Velma won first prize at the senior dance for the funniest couple. He also loved to camp and enjoyed panning for gold and, being a rock hound, enjoyed lapidary work, often making rings, lapel pens and other jewelry.

He had an overt sense of humor and was extremely well-read and maintained an active mind. In addition to his loving wife, Edgar is survived by daughters Barbara Happ of Long Beach; Shirley Wood of Laguna Hills; Marcia Gann and Carolyn Correa; sons Robert of Forrest Hills, California; and Paul of Los Angeles; sister Charlotte Borders of West Palm Beach, Florida; and brother John of Cumberland, Rhode Island. His sister Marilyn Gabellian, preceded him in death. Edgar will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Services were held at Highland Chapel, United Methodist Church, on May 1, 1996, with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Marion Rose Sorrick

Private arrangements were made for Marion Rose Sorrick who passed away on May 7, 1996, at her home in Weldon. Marion was born September 3, 1926, in Washington.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years and was known as "The Cookie Lady." Many people in the valley enjoyed the lovely gifts she made and gave away. She loved to play bingo and had made many friends.

Marion is survived by her husband Ernest Sorrick of Weldon; her son, Michael Currie of New Jersey; daughters Barbara Weaver of Colorado and Jeanie Henry of Oregon; step-daughters Sandra Feldman of Weldon; Janice Bennett of San Marcos; and Shirley Floody of Floriday; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Anyta E. Davies

As requested no services are planned for Anyta Davies who passed away after a brief illness at home on Thursday, May 9, 1996.

Anyta, a 20-year resident of Lake Isabella, was born in 1926 at Hannibal, Missouri, and moved to California in 1940. She married in 1954 and lived in the Los Angeles area before moving to Lake Isabella.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she is survived by her husband, Earl Davies, of Lake Isabella; a daughter Debbie Davies of Los Osos; a son and daughter, Greg and Karen Moore, of Santa Maria; a grandson, Sean Moore, also of Santa Maria; a grandson and granddaughter, Chris and Tracy Moore; and great-granddaughter McKenzie Moore, of Puyallop, Washington.

Inurnment will take place at Dudley-Hoffman's in Santa Maria at a future date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Joseph L. "George" Arri

Joseph L. "George" Arri, born April 24, 1915, in Rhode Island, passed away at the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield, California, on April 25, 1996, at the age of 81.

George moved with his parents to Pomona, California, at the age of five. He went to school and graduated from the Pomona School District.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1944. After the Navy, George, with his brother Chuck, owned and operated the A & A Towing Service in Pomona for several years.

George loved to fish, so he and his wife Marge moved to Lake Isabella, California, in May of 1980. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #3156 and the VFW, where he and Marge made many long and lasting friends.

George is suvived by his wife, Margaret "Marge"; two stepsons, Lloyd and Jerry Torrey of Pomona; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at sea by the Neptune Society. Any donations should be made to the American Heart Association.

Esther May Hewitt

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park on Friday, May 10, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. for Esther May Hewitt, age 85. Officiating was Associate Pastor Robert Hardman from the Community Covenant Church of Santa Barbara. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield, California.

Esther was born on January 3, 1911, in Napa, California. She was a pilot during World War II, docking ships in the Vallejo port. She had been a resident of Oroville, California, for eight years and a devoted housewife for the past 60 years. Esther passed away from natural causes on May 6, 1996, at the Olive Ridge Care Center. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Clifford, in 1987.

Survivors include her son Robert Hewitt of Oroville, California; son Clifford Hewitt, of Norco, California; brother Roy Standard of Napa, California; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Frances Belinda Watson

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Frances Belinda Watson of Onyx who passed away on May 16, 1996, in Mt. Mesa. She was born on January 17, 1911, in Iola, Kansas.

She lived most of her life in Kansas and has lived the past three years in the Rancho Sierra area in Onyx. She had a great love for animals, especially her dog. She will be buried in the Gilmore family plot in Iola, Kansas.

Frances is survived by her nephews Rollie Hull of Onyx; Robert Hull of Tillanok, Oregon; Charles Richard Gilmore of New Zealand; and Lester Gilmore of Southern California; and several great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

James Bartley Hoffman

James Bartley Hoffman passed away on Saturday, May 4, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, California, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Garden Grove, California, on May 29, 1959. He moved to the Kern River Valley, with his parents, Donald C. and Sondra M. Hoffman, and brothers Donald Clayton, Jr., and John P. in 1975. He attended and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1977. He worked as a cashier, attendant manager at several Arco self-service stations in Bakersfield, while attending Bakersfield College part-time, studying accounting. After several years, he moved to the Long Beach area to study and become a cosmetologist. He studied at "Flavio Beauty Colleges," and became an instructor. His health began to fade, and he became self-employed, to enable him to work as much as he was able to.

Jim enjoyed fishing as his favorite sport and hobby. He spent many pleasant times fishing the Kern River and Isabella Lake.

In addition to his parents and brothers, Jim is survived by his sister-in-law Johnel Trotter Hoffman of Wofford Heights; grandmother Mardie Hall of Northridge, California; godparents Fred T. and Joan Andree of Reseda, California; and numerous loving cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of the South Bay in Redondo Beach, California. The family plans a private ceremony on May 29, 1996, to remember Jim on what would have been his 37th birthday.

Maxine Lola Kanyuck

Maxine Lola Kanyuck entered eternal life on May 14, 1996, in Corona, California, where she had been a patient at the Life Care Center for a number of weeks.

Maxine was born on January 29, 1918, in Fyie, Alabama to William and Lola Livingston, receiving her education there. She later moved to Baltimore, Maryland, then to Arizona, and in 1961, to Orange County, California, where she met George Kanyuck.

George and Maxine settled in Lakewood, where he worked for Northrup Aircraft and Maxine worked as an electronic production planner for Hughes Aircraft. They began to visit the Kern River Valley on weekends and moved here to Weldon upon retirement in 1978.

Maxine leaves her beloved husband, George; two daughters Joan Dicosdo of San Diego and Doscine Ferguson of Spokane, Washington; plus four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Kern River Valley Cemetery on Saturday, May 18, 1996.

Arrangments entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Delmar Stanley Hayes

Delmar Stanley Hayes, age 78, of Wofford Heights, passed away at his Wofford Heights residence on April 30, 1996. Mr. Hayes was an electrical contractor for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife Georgia of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Chuck and Nikki Hayes of Mt. Shasta; son and daughter-in-law Russell and Margo Hayes of Santa Barbara; and daughter and son-in-law Charlyn and Frank Krammer of Bakersfield; grandchildren Alica, Vicki and Christopher. Mr. Hayes was a great-grandfather and a great-great-grandfather. Other survivors include his step-son Steven Horgan; step-daughter Billie Jean Lofty; grandson George; and brother Darrell Hayes of Cypress, California.

Memorial services were held Thursday, May 9, 1996, at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge in Kernville at 11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

Herbert Mason Reynolds, Sr.

Herbert Mason Reynolds, age 83, of 61 Wildwood Drive, Wofford Heights, California, died at 1:38 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 1996, of cancer at the Kern Valley Hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 1996, at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, California.

"Herb" was born in Millerton, Iowa, on July 24 - the day you plant turnips back in Iowa, he always said – in 1912, the year the luxury liner Titanic struck an iceberg and sank. "Herb" did much better than the mighty, powerful and unsinkable luxury liner that sank on its maiden voyage taking most of the people it was responsible for down with it. He faced the storms and hidden icebergs of life with a steady hand, strong heart and even witty nature from the day he was born of the union of Perry James Reynolds and Nora Elizabeth Mason, his mother and father. He was one of their eleven children.

He married Marybelle Friedmeyer of Des Moines, Iowa, on May 2, 1936, and they raised three sons. The boys were sure that he was unsinkable as he prepared them to face life's responsibilities. But they also found from the written word of God that "To every thing there is a sesaon, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;" and "All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." The Titanic's hull is rusting at the bottom of cold waters of the North Sea having failed in her responsibilities. On the other hand, we all know that "Herb" has fulfilled his responsibilities as God has intended and has gone to a far better resting place.

"Herb" lived 41 years in Iowa, and 42 years in California, and made many journeys between the two. He will make his last trip back to be laid to rest next to Marybelle who preceded him in 1985. A graveside memorial will be held at 2:00 p.m., May 25, 1996, at the Rest Haven Cemetery in West Des Moines, Iowa. He lost a son, James Fredrick, in a tragic accident in 1974 who remains at peace in California. He lost his second spouse, Majetta "Midge" Lozier in 1990, a long time family friend. She is at peace in Des Moines also.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, father and three sisters Evah, Ruby and Nina, as well as a brother, Woodrow, all of Iowa.

Survivors are two of his sons, Donald of Garden Grove, California; and Herbert, Jr. of Wofford Heights, California; four of his brothers, Everett of Greeley, Colorado; Horatio "Ray" of Silver Spring, Maryland; Darrell of Lenox, Iowa; Francis of Des Moines, Iowa; and two sisters Ruth Adam of Pocatello, Idaho; and Imogene Miller of Corning, Iowa. Also six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Geraldine Evangeline Soto

Geraldine Evangeline Soto was born on April 25, 1911, to American Indian parents. She was very proud of her heritage. "Beadie" as she was known to all of us, was preceded in death by two sisters, Victoria Bates and Isabel White; a daughter Viola DeLa Rosa and a grandson Wayne "Hoot" Allen Phelan.

Survivors are husband Manuel Soto; sons Joseph Gomez Jr., Manuel Jr., Gilbert, Ronald, Leslie and Wade Soto, and their respective wives; daughters Esther Warnock, Gladys Galvan and Sandra Parker, and their respective husbands. She also left behind 35 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Beadie was a resident of Simi Valley for over 50 years. She was a frequent visitor to our Kern River Valley and loved the area. Her last wishes were to bring her ashes back to the valley. She will be greatly missed by all. Love you, Ma.

Davis T. Loyd

Private arrangements were made for Davis T. Loyd who passed away on May 18, 1996 in Bakersfield, California. Mr. Loyd was born on August 10, 1907 in Hardy, Arkansas and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 18 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #827 and the Shriners, and the Scottish Rite, VFW and Retired Federal Employees, also the Friends of the Library and the Historical Society.

Davis is survived by his wife, Irma Coker-Loyd; his niece Mary Ann Brewer of Morro Bay, California; and nephew Mike Peters of Newberry Park, California. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Delbert "Tex" Hooper

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park for Delbert Hooper, age 83, who passed away on May 16, 1996, in Bakersfield.

Delbert was born in McKinney, Texas, on August 12, 1912. He moved to Kern County in 1976 and has spent the last 20 years in the Kern River Valley, living in Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his three daughters: Beckie Scott and her husband Tom of Bakersfield; Kathy Pettit of Bakersfield; and Pat McCall of Norwalk; one son Delbert Donald Hooper and his wife Hedy of Corpus Christi, Texas; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Delbert "Tex" Hooper was preceded in death by his wife Bertha Hooper. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary Funeral Directors of Bakersfield.

Florence Bushfield Kennelty

Florence Bushfield Kennelty entered eternal life on May 22, 1996. She was born May 19, 1919 to Joseph and Tillie Bushfield in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where she received her schooling. She was married September 13, 1941 in Cumberland, Maryland to Frank Kennelty. Frank preceded Florence in death on January 24 of this year. Florence and Frank moved to the lake area in 1967. She worked as an RN at the Kern Valley Hospital. She enjoyed reading and loved her hobby of making latch-hook rugs. She adored her cat, Morris, and loved to spend time with him.

She is survived by her son Frank and his wife Tonia of Bakersfield; 2 grandsons, Travis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Nick of Bakersfield; also one sister, Naomi Steele of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 28, 1996, in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Florence will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

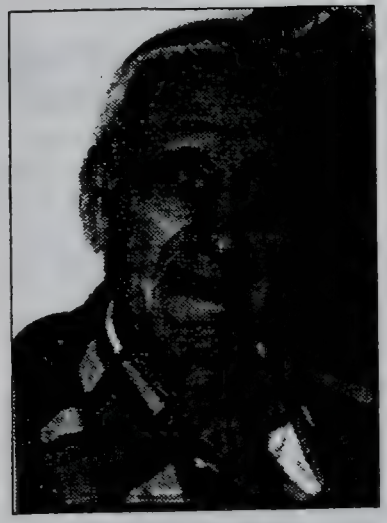
Oathy Garland Horne

Oathy Garland "Dub" Horne, age 92, passed away in Kern Valley Hospital on May 14, 1996. Dub was born in McGregor, Texas, on January 31, 1904. He retired in 1966 from Southern California Edison Company after 24 years as a service repairman. He moved to Kern County in 1980 and had lived in Mountain Mesa the past 16 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Dub is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Art Tibbetts of Squirrel Valley; granddaughters Patty Siler of Stateline, Nevada; Penny Vieau of Abilene, Texas; and Carla Fulton of Sebastabol, California; and two great-grandchildren, Ashlee and Connor Vieau. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mattie Bickel.

There will be no services at the request of the deceased.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.



Edward Kenneth Janssen

Edward Janssen entered into eternal rest on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 1996, at his home in Lake Isabella. He was 89 years of age.

He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on January 27, 1907, to Richard and Enga Janssen. Edward received his education in Wellsburg, Iowa, graduating from Wellsburg High School, where he was a star bastketball player. He attended four years of college in the state of Iowa.

Edward came to California in 1940 and settled in Altadena. He married his lovely wife, the former Esther Marie Carpenter in Las Vegas, Nevada. He played professional basketball for a time, earning $25 per game, somewhat less than professionals earn today.

He had a career in law enforcement and security. He retired from Hughes Aircraft as a security officer in 1967 and they moved to Lake Isabella in 1969. Edward was also involved as a professional bowler in the senior division of bowling.

Edward is survived by his wife, Esther; son, Charles Janssen of Nevada, Iowa; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A daughter, Lenore Torrence preceded him in death. At his request, there were no memorial services. Inurnment was private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell family, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Marguerite Chappell

Marguerite Chappell passed away early in the morning of May 31, 1996. She was 94 years old. Born on August 9, 1901, to Robert and Laura Palmer in Porterville, California, Marguerite moved to Kernville in 1904. She attended school through the eighth grade in both Kernville and South Fork.

She married Walter Alexander in 1919 and they lived at the Weldon store, which is still standing next to the South Fork School in Weldon. Walter ran the store there and met with an accident in 1933. He had loaned a gun to a friend who was returning it, when it fired striking Walter, causing his death. Marguerite became Postmaster in Weldon from 1941-1946 and raised her children alone until her marriage to William Daniel Chappell in 1944.

Survivors include her husband, William Chappell; along with her son Leonard Alexander of Weldon; and daughter Anette Staats of Twin Oaks, California. Her daughter Marjorie Mecham preceded her in death. Marguerite is also survived by 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her sister Virginia Rhoades, who has owned and operated Paul's Place in Weldon for the past 55 years.

Marguerite could tell many stories concerning the early days of this area. She used to play around an old oak tree which still stands above the new part of the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. She also told how she would hear the bells on her father's team of horses thus knowing her father was returning home with his wagon. She related that many Chinese miners were buried at the old cemetery and how they would place food on the graves at Christmas time. Most, if not all of them, have been returned to China.

She would tell of how her father would run cattle up along the Kern River above Kernville. She often went along with him, staying overnight along the river. Her father owned the Palmer Ranch in Weldon which still exists today. Marguerite was known as the Mountain Lady and she loved her flowers. She was from the old stock of those who worked hard all their lives. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Services were held graveside at the old Kern Valley Cemetery on June 4, 1996, at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Valda Lois Logan

Valda was born February 2, 1917, in Allison, Iowa, the last of seven children born to Elias Garfield and Emma Louise (Hoffman) Willis. She passed away on May 6, 1996, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa, California, due to complications resulting from a stroke suffered in the early morning hours on May 5.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband and companion of 54 years, John W. "Bud" Logan in 1994. she is survived by her devoted son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Betty of Kernville; her adoring granddaughter Valda Marie and her husband FC2 Brian James Milam, USN, whose love and attentiveness she treasured; and great-grandson Jonathan James, who was indeed the apple of his Nanna's eye and the source of her greatest happiness and pleasure, all of Port Hueneme, California; loving sister-in-law Rose Marie Jeffus of Chatsworth, California; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Val will be missed by her many friends who were drawn to her by her love for people and life, her fine moral character, loyalty to friends, devotion to family, and quick response and generosity to those in need.

Val's "up and at 'em" attitude about work and her love for animals was due in no small part to her being raised on a farm. She enjoyed relating those experiences, both comical and practical, especially those including her many "adventures" with her Indian pony "Colonel."

She graduated high school in 1935, and later moved to California, where prior to meeting and then marrying John on October 28, 1939, she worked at jobs a bit unusual for most women of that time. One was as an assignment writer for a periodical under her own byline. Another was as a demonstration driver for Sterling Motor Co., taking prospective customers out for practical application demos in the big trucks sold for use in earth moving projects. The idea Sterling promoted was "If this lady can handle this big rig..." While not one to either appreciate or participate in self-promoting braggadocio, Val did enjoy relating the experience of how she won a $100 wager with a member of the Kaiser Steel family that she couldn't drive a Sterling rig up "Sugar Mountain."

During WWII, Val worked in the Aircraft factories. After the war, she was busy with the responsibilities of caring for the newest member of the family.

In early 1951, she returned to the work force with Sears-Roebuck and Co. in San Fernando, California. In 1960, Val began working for Kahr Bearing Corp. as Office Manager. Shortly thereafter, in reviewing the books kept by the previous manager, she located an error in the payment of company taxes amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. While time restrictions did not allow for a full refund, quite a substantial amount was refunded by the IRS.

As Office Manager, she was known for being just as quick to defend one of her staff as she was to make sure everyone completed the work expected of them. She set the example in appearance, manner and professionalism she expected from her staff.

Val was an optimist who was quick to evaluate situations to see what could be done to improve matters. She would always try to defuse potentially explosive situations but never at the expense of compromising right principle. She was an accomplished conversationalist, always more interested in conversations of substance than gossip.

Having been "weekenders" since the early fifties, after retirement Val and John made Space 15 at Camp James their permanent home. They enjoyed the trips with their many friends in the Kern Valley Rovers RV Club. Val will be remembered for her energy, enthusiasm and her desire to see that a good time was enjoyed by all.

The past three years Val's health had suffered as she struggled with the effects of congestive heart failure, being hospitalized several times as a result of complications from the disease.

Although these problems were a heavy burden, Val never allowed herself to "give in" to the disease. She was, during this time, as she had been throughout her lifetime, a fine example to all.

There will be a memorial service. The place, date and time are yet to be determined.

Martha J. Van Benthum

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 11, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Martha Joann Van Benthum, age 69, of Lake Isabella. Mr. Steve Brown, a close family friend, officiated.

A 32-year valley resident, Mrs. Van Benthum was born February 24, 1927, in Tampa, Florida, and passed away on Thursday in a Bakersfield hospital. She retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1980, having worked in the Lake Isabella Post Office for 10 years.

She had formerly been active in the Ladies of the Elks and also the Ladies of the Moose. She enjoyed fishing, bowling and gardening when she was able to.

Martha is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patricia Charboneau of Lake Isabella; her grandson, Erick Charboneau; and her brother, George Mansfield of Tampa, Florida; and a host of friends here in the area.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Judy Saltzgaver

Judy Saltzgaver passed away peacefully at home, June 8, 1996. She was born July 16, 1945, to Jesse and Ursula Elkins in Longview, Washington. Judy married John Saltzgaver, April 13, 1968. Together they purchased McNally's Fairview Lodge on the Kern River in 1975 and have been an active part of the community since that time.

Judy is survived by her husband, mother, three sisters, four brothers and their families. Memorial services will be at the Kernville Methodist Church at 11am on Wednesday, June 12th. The family would like to thank the community for their loving support and asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Arrangments made by the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

George William Charles

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 6, 1996, at 12:00 p.m. at Rose Hils Memorial Park in Whittier, California, for George William Charles of Bodfish. Mr. Charles was born on July 25, 1913, in Dallas, Texas, and passed away on May 31, 1996, at his residence in Bodfish.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley, which he loved, for more than 25 years. He was a veteran of WWII. He loved to fish and had a lot of friends at the Senior Center and Isabella Market.

George is survived by his sons, Robert Charles of Bodfish; William Charles of Lakewood; Tom Charles of Lakewood, Gene Charles of Norco and his daughters, Vicki Sullivan of Norco and Linda Lewis of La Mirada, California; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Opal Ruby Christian

Funeral services for Opal Ruby Christian, age 79, of Lake Isabella, will be held at 10:00 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella with Pastor David Snow officiating. Burial will follow in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A 23-year valley resident, Ruby was born September 1, 1916, in Kingsville, Missouri. She was a homemaker and was active in the First Baptist Church with the Women's Bible Study Group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward in 1985. Survivors include her daughter, Donna Kelpe of Palmdale; her sons, Jerry Christian of Anderson; and Dennis Christian of Spokane, Washington; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Andrew Harry Malinovszky

Memorial services were held Thursday, June 6, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weldon Methodist Church for Andrew Harry Malinovszky. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Charles White.

Mr. Malinovszky was born January 15, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, and passed away on June 3, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. He and his wife came to the Kern River Valley 22 years ago after he retired. He has been a member of the Weldon Methodist Church and did a lot of work on the church including making the Altar Rail and the Sign. He was very devoted to his wife of 64 years and his family.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette of Weldon; his daughters, Jeanette Petitt of Kansas and Diane Smolinski of Pennsylvania; sisters-in-law Eugena and Elizabeth of Lake Havasu, Arizona; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lawana Marie Sorenson

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Lawana "Lou" Marie Sorenson. Officiating was Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa. Lou was born September 21, 1931, in Horatio, Arkansas and passed away on June 2, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for 33 years and worked as a waitress and bartender for 30 years. She also was involved with many volunteer organizations in the valley.

Lou is survived by her brother Loyd Crenshaw of Lake Isabella and her sisters, Barbara Colvin and Bess Goodson, both of Bakersfield. Also many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Martha J. Van Benthum

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A 32-year valley resident, Mrs. Van Benthum was born February 24, 1927, in Tampa, Florida, and passed away on Thursday in a Bakersfield hospital. She retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1980, having worked in the Lake Isabella Post Office for 10 years.

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Arrangments made by the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

George William Charles

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 6, 1996, at 12:00 p.m. at Rose Hils Memorial Park in Whittier, California, for George William Charles of Bodfish. Mr. Charles was born on July 25, 1913, in Dallas, Texas, and passed away on May 31, 1996, at his residence in Bodfish.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley, which he loved, for more than 25 years. He was a veteran of WWII. He loved to fish and had a lot of friends at the Senior Center and Isabella Market.

George is survived by his sons, Robert Charles of Bodfish; William Charles of Lakewood; Tom Charles of Lakewood, Gene Charles of Norco and his daughters, Vicki Sullivan of Norco and Linda Lewis of La Mirada, California; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Opal Ruby Christian

Funeral services for Opal Ruby Christian, age 79, of Lake Isabella, will be held at 10:00 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella with Pastor David Snow officiating. Burial will follow in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A 23-year valley resident, Ruby was born September 1, 1916, in Kingsville, Missouri. She was a homemaker and was active in the First Baptist Church with the Women's Bible Study Group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward in 1985. Survivors include her daughter, Donna Kelpe of Palmdale; her sons, Jerry Christian of Anderson; and Dennis Christian of Spokane, Washington; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Andrew Harry Malinovszky

Memorial services were held Thursday, June 6, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weldon Methodist Church for Andrew Harry Malinovszky. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Charles White.

Mr. Malinovszky was born January 15, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, and passed away on June 3, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. He and his wife came to the Kern River Valley 22 years ago after he retired. He has been a member of the Weldon Methodist Church and did a lot of work on the church including making the Altar Rail and the Sign. He was very devoted to his wife of 64 years and his family.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette of Weldon; his daughters, Jeanette Petitt of Kansas and Diane Smolinski of Pennsylvania; sisters-in-law Eugena and Elizabeth of Lake Havasu, Arizona; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lawana Marie Sorenson

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Lawana "Lou" Marie Sorenson. Officiating was Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa. Lou was born September 21, 1931, in Horatio, Arkansas and passed away on June 2, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for 33 years and worked as a waitress and bartender for 30 years. She also was involved with many volunteer organizations in the valley.

Lou is survived by her brother Loyd Crenshaw of Lake Isabella and her sisters, Barbara Colvin and Bess Goodson, both of Bakersfield. Also many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kathryn "Kay" E. Simpkins

Funeral services were held Friday, June 14, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weldon Methodist Church for Kathryn "Kay" E. Simpkins. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Charles White.

Kay, beloved wife, mother, nurse, teacher and mentor, went home to heaven on June 10, 1996. She was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. The family moved to California in 1979. She was a resident of Weldon for the last nine years.

She worked as a nurse at Long Beach Community Hospital in the Oncology Ward for nine years; then as a nurse and head of staff development at Kern Valley Hospital. Kay was an active member at the Weldon Methodist Church and the community at large.

Kay Simpkins was preceded in death by her mother, Kathryn L. Fuller. She is survived by her husband, Charles L. Simpkins Jr.; sons, Charles, James and Joshua; daughters, Kathryn Rowe and Christine Love; father, John D. Fuller; brothers, John D. Fuller and Charles W. Fuller; grandchildren, Sarah and Daniel Simpkins, Morgan and Sean Love, Paul and Samantha Rowe; daughters-in-law, Kathryn Simpkins and Carla Simpkins; son-in-law, Chris Rowe; sisters-in-law, Rickie Fuller and Anita Fuller; nieces, nephews, co-workers and friends all over the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dennis Wayne Court

Dennis Wayne Court entered eternal life on June 10, 1996, as the result of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in the Kern Canyon.

He was the fourth child of John Court and Stella Littlefield Court, born on September 22, 1936, in Rochester, New Hampshire. He lived in Southberwick, Maine, prior to coming to California, settling in the South Bay area.

He and his wife, Marjorie, moved to the lake area two years ago and Dennis pursued his hobbies of prospecting and jewelry making. Prior to moving to Wofford Heights, Dennis worked as a pipefitter in the oil refinery business.

Dennis is survived by his wife Marjorie; four sons in the New England area; and one daughter in Orange County, California. He also leaves two brothers, Tracy and Craig Court.

Arrangements were entrusted into the care of the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Thornton Buddy Von Der Ahe

A memorial service for Thornton Buddy Von Der Ahe will be held Saturday, June 22, 1996, at 11:30 a.m. at Rose Chapel at Lake Isabella Funeral Home, with a luncheon following at the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge. Bud passed away on June 6, 1996, at the home of his daughter, Darlene, in Sylmar, California.

Thornton was born to Frederick and Clare Von Der Ahe on August 20, 1912, in Los Angeles, California. Bud married Vyrla "Cisco" Jackson in 1933. He was appointed to the Los Angeles County Fire Department in 1935 and after serving 33 years, retired in 1967. Bud and Cisco moved to Wofford Heights in 1980 where they were active in the Rod and Gun Club and the Kern Valley Moose.

Cisco passed away in 1986. Bud met Mattie Williams in 1986 and they were married in 1988. Bud and Mattie loved to dance and would go to the Moose every chance they had. They bowled in a local league and like to go to Las Vegas and Laughlin. They also loved to travel and did so quite a lot.

Bud gave up fishing and boating in 1984 after driving his truck into the lake. Friends and family never let him forget that one!

He is survived by his wife, Mattie, of Wofford Heights; his son Ronald of Bodfish; daughter Darlene Westman of Sylmar; plus six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Louis B. Schuster

Private family services have been held for Louis B. Schuster, age 77, of Kernville. Louis was born on March 12, 1919 in Schenectady, New York, and passed away in a local hospital on June 10, 1996.

He was a retired banker and had lived with his wife of 55 years, Elaine, in Kernville for 10 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Ken Schuster of Van Nuys and Kernville and was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara, and by a granddaughter, Christy.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Lawrence Eugene Woodward

Larry Woodward was born in Bell, California, on May 7, 1940. He was eight years old when his family moved to Johnsondale, where he spent an idyllic four years running barefoot all over the mountains, which he loved to call "the biggest and best backyard for a kid." He was always trying to catch and ride the wild horses. He never caught one, but he said it was more fun just trying. The garage he and his father built is still there to this day. When he was 12 years old, his family moved to Bass Lake where he graduated from Sierra High School in 1958.

In the following years, he moved to the city, went to hairdressing school, got married and opened a beauty salon. He had a daughter who adored him. Larry had a role in a major motion picture and also became a gourmet cook. He always enjoyed throwing dinner parties for his many friends. He was a classic movie buff and loved to attend Broadway plays.

Larry worked as a beautician in Upland, California, where all of his family lived. They went on camping vacations all over California and Mexico, including many rafting and tubing trips on the Kern River. He was often featured in his local newspaper for the elaborate costumes he designed and wore to entertain emotionally and physically handicapped children and fundraisers for many other charities.

When he received the news that his sister was widowed, he went to live with her and her daughter in Bakersfield and together they decided to move back to the mountains he called home. They became host and hostess of several campgrounds between Kernville and Johnsondale. He was known for his blue golfcart and all the wild and abandoned cats they rescued from the campgrounds. He was also recognized for his beautiful vegetable and flower gardens for which he received an award at the Mt. Mesa Faire. In 1993, he purchased land in Kelso Valley and remained there until his passing with his sister at his side.

Larry was a man who was good of heart and pure of soul. The lessons of life he taught his daughter were to help those less fortunate than yourself, never be cruel and to smile. He always appreciated the simple things in life; watching the sunrise, admiring the wildflowers in spring, and enjoying the company of those he cherished. Everyone whose life he touched knows how special a man he was.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Heather Elizabeth Schmitt of Bakersfield and his sister Elizabeth Woodward of Weldon.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Donald Simeon Barnes

Donald Simeon Barnes passed away on May 9, 1996, at the age of 49. Born in Long Beach, California, he spent most of his life in the Kern River Valley.

Donnie was employed with the Kern County Fire Department for 25 years, retiring in 1994. Always active in sports and coaching, he also loved outdoor life, especially fishing.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Olivia Jean, and by his father, Simeon C. Barnes. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Kevin, of Wyoming; son, Robert, of Indiana; sons, Roger and Dustin, of San Luis Obispo; and mother, Oleta, of Arizona.

A memorial services was held on May 13, 1996 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Warren Lane Stewart

A mass of Christian burial was said at the San Fernando Mission in San Fernando on Friday, June 14, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. for Warren Lane Stewart, age 79, of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. James Blantz.

A 30-year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Stewart passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital after a lingering illness. He was born February 9, 1917 in Kansas City, Kansas and resided in the Midwest until World War II at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for three-and-one-half years being discharged with the rank of First Sergeant.

A skilled cement mason, he was a member of Local #893 in Burbank for over 40 years. During this period, he also served as an assistant business agent for a short time. He was very active in community affairs, particularly after he and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley. He was the prime founder and first president of the Lake Isabella and Bodfish Home Owners Association, and was associated with numerous other associations.

He will best be remembered for his outstanding attitude, his friendliness and his love of life and people.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Jane Stewart, of Lake Isabella; his son from a previous marriage, Warren Stewart, Jr. of Paducah, Kentucky; his brothers, Gene Stewart, of La Center, Kentucky, and Malcolm Stewart, of Barlow, Kentucky; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James Harry Duncan

James Harry Duncan, age 79, passed away on May 28, 1996, at Kern Valley Hospital Skilled Nursing Center. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 13, 1917.

Jim retired from Rockwell International. He loved the Kern River Valley and lived here for 29 years. He always referred to this as "God's Country."

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Iris Lura Duncan; children Gail L. Blackwell and James "Butch" Duncan; stepsons Robert L. Edwards and William L. Edwards; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Jim requested that there be no services or memorials. He was buried at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Elizabeth Plimmer

Elizabeth Plimmer entered into eternal rest mid-morning June 19, 1996, at the Skilled Nursing Center, Kern Valley Hospital, where she has been for the past few years. She was 105 years of age. Elizabeth was a model patient and loved by all.

She was born in England on February 13, 1891, and came to the United States when she was 29 years old, in 1920. Elizabeth was a housewife for 82 years. She first lived in Detroit and Cincinnati until 1963, at which time she retired in Florida until 1973 when she came to California, settling in San Pedro. She came to the lake area in 1984.

Elizabeth was very active. She loved to dance at the Moose Lodge and the Elks, and was a member of both. She served as Matron of Honor at her son Raymond's wedding in 1990.

She is survived by her son Raymond Plimmer of Wofford Heights. A second son, Alfred, preceded her in death.

Elizabeth will be greatly missed, especially by her nurses who provided such excellent care of her for the past few years.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

In memory of Avelino (Albert) Garcia

In memory of our dearest brother, Avelino (Albert) Garcia, on his 84th birthday:

In his lonely grave is the one we love so dearly, whom we never said "Good-bye." Peaceful be your sleep, dear brother, in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

Our hearts are filled with sadness as we drop a silent tear.

You are gone, but not forgotten, nor shall you ever be.

Eternal rest,

Christine, Josephine,
Joey, "Cookie" Ray

Memorial service scheduled for Valda Lois Logan

The family of Valda Lois Logan would like to extend a warm invitation to all her friends and acquaintances to attend a memorial service for Val at the Oddfellows Hall in Kernville. The service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 1996, at 2:30 p.m.

A pot luck will follow in memory of Val and the pleasure she always derived from seeing friends get together and enjoy one another's company while sharing a meal.

Ursula Mueller

Ursula Mueller (nee Lutter) was born in Berlin, Germany, on May 10, 1920. She lived there until she was nine years old. She then moved to the United States where she completed her education. In June 1939, she moved back to Berlin with her parents. In 1947, her future husband, Herbert Mueller, replaced her at her job at the Templehof Air Force Base. They were married in 1949 in Germany. In 1950, Ursula returned to the United States. After living in Denver, Colorado, they moved to Hawthorne, California, in 1951, and eventually moved to Inglewood and Harbor City. After Herbert retired in 1989, they moved to Wofford Heights.

Ursula loved to sew and enjoyed photography. One thing she could not master, though, was learning to play the game UNO. Ursula was an associate member of the Kern River Valley Amateur Radio Club and loved to travel, worldwide.

In addition to her husband, Herbert, Ursula leaves behind one daughter, Karen Avery; and son-in-law Paul; plus two grandchildren, Jennifer and Brian, all of Gardena, California.

Funeral services were hold Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at Highland Chapel, United Methodist Church of Lake Isabella with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Paul S. Wenstrand

Paul S. Wenstrand was born on January 29, 1912, to Reverend J. Oscar and Linda A. Wenstrand in Albert City, Iowa. He passed away on June 19, 1996, at his home in Denair, California.

Mr. Wenstrand was a faithful husband, devoted father and grandfather. He was a farmer, small businessman for 40 years as a Texaco Distributor, dairyman, and cattle breeder. He served on the Denair Unified School Board for 17 years, many of which he was president. Mr. Wenstrand was a member of the Turlock Covenant Church and served on several church boards, including the Beulah Covenant Board of Trustees. He was a member of the Turlock Emanuel Hospital Board, Bethany Home Board and a charter member of the Denair Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Denair Community Services District. Mr. Wenstrand was also active with the Kern Valley FFA Boosters Club.

Mr. Wenstrand is survived by his wife of 56 years, Doris; a brother, Harold; a sister, Arlene Baumann; children: Arlo and wife Jan; Donald and wife Alison; Mary and husband Robert Moore; Gerald and wife Carol; and seven grandchildren: Linda Griesser, Scott Wenstrand, Grant Wenstrand, Colin Wenstrand, Leisa Wenstrand, Matthew Wenstrand, and James Moore.

Although Mr. Wenstrand never resided in the Kern River Valley, he spent the last 20 years visiting here whenever possible. He made many friends and acquaintances.

In memory, a memorial scholarship fund has been established in his honor through the Kern Valley FFA Boosters.

Lena Mae Edwards

Private arrangements were made for Lena Mae Edwards who passed away on June 26, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. Lena was born on October 11, 1948, in Los Angeles, California. She spent most of her life in the Kern River Valley and attended high school here. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She is survived by her husband, Benny Edwards, of Lake Isabella; daughters, Gina, Christina and Linda Edwards, of Lake Isabella; sisters, Jeannie Tate and Mary Cullen, both of Bakersfield; brothers, Gary Thomas of Bodfish, and Robert Cullen of Bakersfield; and her mother, Anna Inez Thomas of Bakersfield, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paul E. Stanley

Paul E. Stanley was born on October 14, 1912, in Riverside, California, and passed away on June 23, 1996, at home in Wofford Heights after a bout with cancer. He was 83, a native of Riverside, California, where he spent most of his life before retiring to the Kern River Valley in October 1971.

He was a member of the Riverside Police Department for 31 years retiring in October 1971 as Assistant Chief of Police. He was president of the Riverside Peace Officers Association in 1969.

Paul was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. He was a member of the Retired Public Employees Association, Lake Isabella Chapter, as well as the Retired Peace Officers Association of California and the Public Employees Association of Riverside County.

He is survived by his wife, Iris, of 37 years; and nieces and nephews in Riverside and Clearlake, California, also Minnesota and Wisconsin.

At his request there will be no funeral. Any donations to the Cancer Association in his name would be appreciated.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hattie Edna Howell

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 13, 1996, at 11:30 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Hattie Edna Howell. Officiating will be Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and the Ladies of the Moose.

Hattie was born December 28, 1905 in Estel Springs, Tennessee, and passed away on June 29, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past five years and a member of the Moose Lodge.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James and Beverly Phillips of Lakewood, California; her brothers, John Rightmire of Florida and Lee Rightmire of Tennessee; her sister, Lois Trotter of Wofford Heights; granddaughters and their husbands, Hollie and Don Kidwell of Virginia; Heidi and Richard Moe of Virginia; and Heather and Bryan Halliday of Redondo Beach, California. Also surviving are her nieces, Johnel Trotter Hoffman and husband Clay of Wofford Heights; Lucretia and Mike Chmielewski and son John; Vickie Lester and sons AJ and Eddie from El Segundo, California; Roselle and Adele Turner of Florida; and other relatives in Oregon, Tennessee, Florida and California. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Betty Mae Petty

Betty Mae Petty was born to Arthur and Pearl Brocket in Moneta, California, on November 17, 1925. She entered into eternal rest on the afternoon of June 28, 1996 at the Kern Valley Hospital, Mt. Mesa.

She received her elementary schooling in various cities in Southern California and graduated from high school in El Monte.

Betty met Charles (Chuck) Petty while he was on leave from the Navy, in El Monte, where on October 1, 1944, they were married.

She loved to crochet and knit and enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles. Her rose garden was on of her greatest joys.

Betty is survived by her husband, Chuck, of Wofford Heights; three sons, Rodney Hamilton Petty of Moab, Utah; Timothy Allen Petty of Wilseyville, California; and Stephen Howland Petty of Orsie, California. Also surviving Betty are her two sisters, Kathrine Tupling of Bakersfield and Doris Barber of Hesperia, California; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 3, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Kernville with Pastor Dick Lewis and former Pastor John Revis officiating. Private burial followed.

Betty will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Julia E. Johnson

Julia Johnson was born November 5, 1917, to Clyde and Nora Slocum in Topeka, Kansas. She entered eternal life on July 5, 1996, in Victorville, California, at the age of 78. A graveside service was held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 1996. Eulogy was given by her grandson, Bobby Walden.

She was retired from Kern County and was a resident of the valley area for 25 years. She moved to the valley from El Segundo. Julia was a member of the Ladies of the Moose. Her family could talk to her about anything and she understood and would encourage them.

Julia is survived by daughters, Carol Sargent and Geraldine Reese; a brother Vernon Slocum of Gardena, California; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Arrangements were made by the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Frances Clack

Private arrangements were made for Frances Clack who passed away on Saturday, July 6, 1996, at her home. She was born in Los Angeles, California, in June 1929. She was an eighth generation Californian and a resident of Kernville for the past year.

Frances is survived by her husband of 47 years, Richard Clack, of Kernville; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Margie Clack, of Kernville; son and daughter-in-law, John and Hope Clack, of Los Angeles; and son, Christopher Clack, of Texas.

Her epitaph and eulogy was, "She loved and was loved. No one could ask for more."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edna Marie Owens

Edna Marie Owens entered eternal rest at her residence in Bodfish on July 7, 1996, at the age of 75. She was born on September 13, 1920, to Lawrence and Julia Temple in Worchester, Massachusetts.

The family moved to California when she was five years old and she received her schooling in the Los Angeles area, graduating from Washington High School. Edna was employed by the Thrifty Drug Stores for 30 years. She was widowed and moved to the lake area in 1980 to be near her only son, Michael Scott Owens, of Bodfish.

Edna dedicated her life to being a first class mom. At her request, no services were held and interment was private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Robert L. "Buffalo Bob" Maughmer

The life of Robert L. "Buffalo Bob" Maughmer was celebrated at a memorial service on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. on the patio area of the old Onyx store on Highway 178 in Onyx. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated along with many of Bob's friends. A potluck dinner followed.

A 10-year Kern River Valley resident, Bob was born February 12, 1940 in Chillicothe, Ohio, and passed peacefully from this life, surrounded by his wife and friends on Thursday evening, July 11, 1996, at his home after a short but gallant fight with cancer. He was a 22-1/2 year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

After moving to the valley in 1986, Bob became involved in many community activities. He was an active member and served on the board of directors of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group and served as Marshal of Early California Days. He was active in supporting the Kid's Fishing Derby and was always willing to help any organization with different types of fund raising or any type of activity that would benefit the kids anywhere in the Kern River Valley.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Onyx; his children, Robert Lee of South Carolina; Pamela and Penny Lee of North Carolina; his step-children, Robert Bryson, Steven Bryson and Tina Bryson of Virginia; his sister, Kathy Perez of Riverside; an aunt, Mary Johnson of Arizona; six grandchildren and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart House, in care of Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, 420 34th St., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Elizabeth Eastenes

Elizabeth Eastenes, age 75, entered into eternal rest on July 4, 1996. She and her husband and their good friends, Wayne and Dorothy Weiler, were on a trip to Yerington, Nevada, where she was stricken by a stroke. She was flown to Bakersfield San Joaquin Hospital where she passed away.

She was born to Ralph and Martha Jackson on August 8, 1920, in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her education in Atlanta before moving to Los Angeles, California, where she met Joe Eastenes. The were going to visit Atlanta and were married on December 16, 1961 on their way.

After their honeymoon, they moved to Inglewood, California, where she worked for Air Research Corporation (now Allied Signal) and she remained there until her retirement in 1968. She and her husband, Joe, came to the lake area in 1972.

Joe has known Wayne Weiler for 70 years and they were best friends; when both Joe and Wayne married, their wives became very close friends also. The two couples did most of their activities together, hence the trip to Yerington.

Elizabeth was a member of TOPS and held the position of weight recorder for the organization.

She is survived by her loving husband, Joe. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

No services were held and inurnment will be private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Jacqueline Irene Grothe

Jacqueline Irene entered into eternal rest on July 2, 1996, at the Kern Valley Hospital. She was 71 years of age. Jacqueline was born to Hollis and Hazel Roland in Corning, Iowa on November 16, 1925. She received her schooling in Corning.

She and Leonard (Lee) Grothe were married in Los Angeles, California, in 1947. Lee and Jacqueline moved originally to the lake area in 1971 where she worked as head cook for the Kern Valley Hospital. They moved back to the Los Angeles area in 1979 where she worked as receptionist for the Ventura Star Free Press. They returned to the valley a few years later and remained here.

Jacqueline was a talented artist and loved to paint. She was a member of the Art Guild. She was a person who was always concerned for others and throughout her long illness, never complained, according to long-time friend, Jack Dilley.

She is survived by her husband, Lee; son, John Douglas Grothe, of Henderson, Nevada; step-daughter Donna Lee Bartosch, of Phoenix, Arizona; brother John Roland of Camarillo, California; and one grandchild.

At her request, no services were held. Interment was private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Virgil E. Kerr

Virgil E. Kerr, age 76, of Rogers, Arkansas, died Thursday, July 4, 1996, at Saint Mary's Memorial Hospital in Rogers. He was born February 20, 1920 in Cardwell, Missouri, the son of William Thomas Kerr and Mary Elizabeth Hagan Kerr.

He was a carpenter, and worked for Lucky Stores in Orange County, California. He moved to Rogers in November of 1991 from Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma, of the home; one son, Dennis Kerr, of Hendrix, Oklahoma; one daughter, Carol Ward, of Temecula, California; three stepdaughters, Judy Maedgen of Bruceville, Texas; Sharon Evans of Riverside, Texas; and Debbie Tobial of Lake Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Jay Kerr of Flint, Michigan; Billy Joe Kerr of Utah, and one beloved sister, Donna Barclay of Las Vegas, Nevada; two grandsons, Matthew Kerr and Gregory Trinkaus; and numerous step-grandchildren; a dear friend, Ray Sanders, of Mountain Mesa, California. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel, of 33 years in 1984 and three brothers, Lyman, Homer, and Buck Kerr.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 6, 1996 at the Callison-Lough Funeral Chapel in Rogers. Interment was at the Benton County Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Farmers and Merchants Bank C/O Trish Williams, P.O. Box 250, Rogers, Arkansas 72757.

Cora Borgney Cooke

Cora B. Cooke was born March 28, 1911, in North Dakota to Gust and Mary Fevog. She entered into eternal rest on July 18, 1996 at her residence in Lake Isabella.

She worked as a hairdresser prior to retiring. She moved to the Kern River Valley from San Gabriel in 1978. She was a member of Ladies of the Moose and enjoyed dancing until she became ill.

Cora's husband and daughter preceded her in death and she is survived by her sister, Gladys Ross of Lake Isabella, and brother Clifford Fevog of San Marcos, California.

Patricia Jane Moon

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Patricia Jane Moon who entered eternal life at her residence in Weldon on July 15, 1996.

Patricia was born on November 18, 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Einar and Martha Haug. She received her schooling in Milwaukee and received her credentials as Registered Nurse at the Milwaukee School of Nursing.

She married Richard Herbert Moon on August 7, 1948 in Milwaukee and they moved to Southern California in 1959, settling in West Covina for 25 years, where she worked as a Registered Nurse at the Queen of the Valley Hospital. They then moved to San Diego and came to the Kern River Valley seven years ago.

For the past 12 years, she and Herbert were missionaries in Kenya and other parts of East Africa. Patricia also taught in Japan and their last assignment was in Mainland China.

Patricia was a talented artist, preferring to paint in oils, but her best and favorite hobby was that of mother to their seven children.

In addition to her husband Richard, Patricia is survived by her children James Richard Moon of Tiller, Oregon; Charles William Moon, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Kathleen Ann Styffe, San Dimas, California; Thomas Robert Moon, Alta Loma, California; Barbara Stieglitz, Santee, California; Diane Lynn Long, Bennington, Vermont; Stephen John Moon, Livermore, California; and their families which includes 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Patricia was a real inspiration to all who knew and loved her and will be greatly missed. Arrangements made by the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home; a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Marjory Ethelyn Walton

Marjory Ethelyn Walton, 82, entered eternal rest on Thursday, July 18, 1996 at her home in Riverkern with her husband, Les, at her side.

Marjory was born to Louis and Minnie Tyrrel on April 19,1914 in Los Angeles, California. She received her schooling in the Los Angeles area and worked as a secretary for the Los Angeles City School District where she met Les Walton. They were married in 1963, and became a blended family with her children and his children merging into one household. They immedately became a loving, happy family.

Marjory and Les did a lot of traveling, which she loved. They enjoyed many cruises and visited New Zealand, Austalia, and Alaska, to name a few. she also enjoyed boating on the Colorado River until her health prevented it. The center of her life was Les and their children. Family meant the world to her.

In addition to her husband Les, Marjory is survived by their children, Wayne Dow of Arizona; Joan Hatcher, San Gabriel, California; Jean Paine, Riverside, California; Fred Dow, Newhall, California; Jerrie McCarthy, Sierra Madre, California; Nancy Caduto, Saugus, California; Leslie Walton, Oregon and Joann Beyer, Seattle, Washington. Plus, sister Leone Henry of Riverkern and sister-in-law Edna Vozza of Palmdale, California, and Elsa Schonberg, Ukiah, California. Eighteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss her greatly.

At her request, there will be no service and interment will be private. Arrangements were made by the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, A Golden Rule Funeral Director.

William Robert Edwards

Funeral services for William Robert Edwards, 67, of Bodfish, was held on Friday, July 19, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella with Dr. Marvin Moon officiating. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Bill was born August 13, 1928 in Adair, Iowa where he resided for 27 years. He lived and worked the balance of his life in Bakersfield and Las Vegas, Nevada. He last worked as a terminal plant manager for Witco Corp. He had resided in Bodfish for the last two years.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Patricia Louise Edwards; his two children, Larry and Becky Miller, Bill and Sandy Edwards, Bob and Kris Edwards; grandchildren, Robb and Hanah Miller, Sarah, Stacey, Shauna and Seth Edwards; as well as his brothers, John and Darwin Edwards and his sister, Sharon Edwards.

Visitation was on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Amanda Kaye Bivins

Graveside services were held Monday, July 29, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Amanda Kaye Bivins who passed away Wednesday, July 24, 1996, from complications due to an auto accident in June. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Amanda was born November 18, 1979, in Bakersfield, California, and has lived in Kern County all her life. She was a student at Kern Valley High School, and Captain of the Cheerleading Squad. She was in the FFA and ASB officer and Girl's State Delegate and she would have been the editor of the yearbook. Amanda also worked at the Kern Valley Golf Course and the Masonic Lodge.

She is survived by her parents Gary and Pam Bivins of Lake Isabella and her brothers Travis and Trevor Bivins, also of Lake Isabella; her grandparents, Andy and Arla Gibson of Lake Isabella and Jim and Gloria Bivins of Golden, Colorado; many aunts and uncles and other relatives and friends who will miss her greatly. She also leaves her dog ,Cupcake, and cow, Daisy.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary.

Iris Evelyn Rooney

Iris Evelyn Rooney, 82, of Weldon, entered eternal life at 12:42 p.m. on July 23, 1996, at the Skilled Nursing Center of Kern Valley Hospital. Before her passing, however, her family had the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful dinner with her the previous evening.

She was born in Oak Creek, Arizona, on April 17, 1914, to LeRoy and Ellen Dickinson, where she received her schooling. She moved to Jerome, Arizona and met and married Kennard Conway, who preceded her in death in 1965. They moved to California in 1941 and settled in Avalon Village in Wilmington.

Iris enjoyed a colorful life and had various careers. She first began work as a cosmetologist, then during World War II worked as a welder in the shipyards, became a butcher in a meat market, then was owner of a wholesale egg business. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years.

She loved to sew and was an excellent seamstress. She also was a fantastic cook, but her favorite and most successful hobby and her first priority was that of being the greatest mother, which she was.

Iris is survived by her son Ken and wife Linda of Redondo Beach, California; daughter Adel Moon and husband Ken of Weldon; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also, sister Betty Dickenson of San Bernardino, California, and her brother Gene Dickenson of Oregon. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 26, 1996, at the Rose Chapel at Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Arrangements made by the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Emma June Monninger

Private family services were held for Emma June Monninger, 71, of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Monninger was born in El Monte, California, on May 14, 1925, to Hanna and Chris Laursen who came to America from Denmark by way of the Panama Canal. June passed away on July 18, 1996, at her home.

She was a 1943 graduate of El Monte High School. After World War II, she met James Edward Monninger and they were married in 1947. They settled in Glendora, California, to raise their daughter, Christine. In 1976, Jim and June moved to the Kern River Valley to work as assistant managers of the Lazy River Lodge.

June was preceded in death by her husband Jim. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Arthur Hunter of Weldon; her brothers, Eddy Laursen and Richard Laursen and his wife, Mary; and numerous other family members.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dorothy Mary Boesen

Dorothy Boesen entered eternal life on July 27, 1996, at the Kern Valley Hospital. Services were held Friday, August 2, 1996, at Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor John Carpenter officiating. A luncheon followed interment at the United Methodist Church in Kernville.

She was born on January 19, 1914, in Trenton, Missouri, to Jess and Maude Hughes, and received her schooling there. She moved to Long Beach, California, in 1940 and worked in the shipyards during the Second World War then worked for Englander Mattress Company as a seamstress before retiring. She married Carl Boesen in 1958 in Las Vegas and they moved to the Kern River Valley in 1970 where she immediately became active in the community.

Dorothy was a charter member of the Sweet Adelines; Past President of the YODs, Order of the Golden Slipper; a member of the Order of eastern Star; Past President of the Grandmothers Club, and Past President of United Methodist Women. She also was a member of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group and in 1972 was co-chairman of the WHIGs annual Early California Days. Dorothy was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed oil painting and many crafts.

In addition to her husband Carl, Dorothy leaves son Bob Goodloe and wife Barbara of Phelan, California; daughter Florence Pettigrew and husband Howard of Lucerne Valley, California. Her son Gerry Goodloe and daughter Carlene Payton preceded her in death. She also leaves brother Mark Hughes of Kernville and sister Emma Stuffman of Fallbrook, California; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Dorothy's boundless energy and contributions to the Kern River Valley will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made by the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Ivy Gladys Davis

Ivy Gladys Davis, age 92, entered eternal rest on Thursday, May 30, 1996, at her home in Kent, England. Ivy was born the eldest of eight children on August 22, 1903 in London, England and came to the United States in 1958 to join two of her children. She lived and worked in the Northern Los Angeles County area for approximately 10 years. Ivy moved to Wofford Heights in 1968 and lived here for six years.

In 1974, Ivy returned to England to be close to her remaining brothers until she passed away. While living in Wofford Heights, Ivy was always helping others. She belonged to the Dorcas Society, associated with the Lutheran Church when it was still in Kernville.

Her biggest accomplishment was in the fundraising for the building of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sierra Way in Kernville. Before leaving for England, Ivy was privileged to have nailed the building permit to a post where the church now stands.

While visiting Ivy in England, her last request was for her son, David Davis, to bring her home with him. It is done! A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 10, 1996, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville. Father Bob Woods will officiate with interment following in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Ivy is survived by her three children, George Davis of England; Doreen Pontius of Grants Pass, Oregon; and David Davis of Wofford Heights; her brother David in England; her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Francis Hospice in Kent, England, c/o Valley Mortuary, P.O. Box E, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Shigeo Tagami

Memorial arrangements were made for Shigeo Tagami who passed away July 25, 1996, at his home in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Tagami was born September 14, 1913, in San Pedro, California.

He was a commercial fisherman for over 20 years. He loved to play the guitar and gardening. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 22 years.

He is survived by his son Gray Tagami of San Pedro; daughter Aya Dinning of Rolling Hills Estates; granddaughter Miki Dinning; sister Kay Sato of Lomita, California.

Interment will be at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lena Mae Edwards

Graveside services will be held for Lena Mae Edwards at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 10, 1996, at the Kern Valley Cemetery. Officiating will be Pastor Floyd R. Castillo of Highland Chapel UMC.

Lena Mae was born on October 11, 1948, in Los Angeles. She spent most of her life in the Kern River Valley and attended high school here. She married Benny Edwards on December 18, 1965, at the Highland Chapel. Lena passed away in Bakersfield on June 26, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Benny Edwards, of Lake Isabella; daughters Gina Christina and Linda Edwards, both of Lake Isabella; sisters Jeannie Tate and Mary Cullen, both of Bakersfield; brothers Gary Thomas of Bodfish and Robert Cullen of Bakersfield; and her mother, Anna Inez Thomas of Bakersfield.

Mary Adaline Pickard

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 6, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at George Price Funeral Home in Levelland, Texas, for Mary Adaline Pickard of Lake Isabella, who went home to be with the Lord on July 31, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

Mary was born on November 11, 1915 in Menlo, Georgia, and moved to California in 1945 when she got married to Joseph Pickard. They lived there until 1952 and while there she worked for the American Red Cross. Then they moved to Levelland, Texas where she and her husband were farmers for over 40 years. She also worked for the Deputy County Clerk's office and was a member of the Park Drive Baptist Church. She has lived in Lake Isabella for the past two years and been a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her sisters Clyde Hennen and Wilma Walker of Lake Isabella; her brother Paul Thacker of Harbor City; sister Zella Boulden of Tehachapi; brother Robert Thacker of Richland Hills, Texas; 11 nieces and nephews and many friends. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ronald L. Rubiy

Funeral services for Ronnie, age 51, were held Friday, July 19, 1996, at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene and graveside services followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Kathryn Rubiy. Ronnie is survived by his devoted and loving wife Dee Anna Rubiy; daughters Ronda Brashear and Stacey Rubiy; son-in-law, Mike Brashear; grandson Trevor Brashear; sisters Jody Jones, Linda Underwood and Ellen Gill; brothers-in-law John Jones and Gregory Gill. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

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Wayne Leroy Barnes

Memorial services were held for Wayne Leroy Barnes who passed away on July 26, 1996, at his home in Montrose, Colorado.

Wayne was born on December 30, 1933 in Bolivar, New York, and raised and schooled in Long Beach, California. He lived in the Kern Valley for 22 years with his wife Ann and seven children where he worked for Cal Gas. The past 23 years they lived in Colorado with most of his free time spent hunting and fishing and building their getaway cabin in the mountains high above Montrose. Wayne was very close to his family and always had children and grandchildren over for barbecues and get-togethers.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bobby Barnes; mother Gladys Barnes and father Harold Barnes. Survivors include his wife Ann; sons Donald, Jimmy and wife Pam of Montrose; Gary and wife Cheryl of Auburn, Washington; Steven of Durango, Colorado; daughters Pamela of San Diego; Patricia Rocha and husband Max of Montrose; 16 grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Jean Barnes of Lodi; and sister and brother-in-law Lois and Bob Crowder of Bakersfield and Kernville; and many, many friends.

Wayne will be greatly missed by all.

Ann Marie Holt

Private memorial services have been arranged for Ann Marie Holt, a 19-year resident of Kernville. She passed away on July 25, 1996 at the City of Hope Hospital. She was born on February 6, 1940, in Long Beach, California.

Surviving relatives include her mother Jo Boderman of Harbour City, California; children Robert Hollis and his family of Bodfish; Jerry Hollis and family of Rosamond, California; Belinda Deible and family and Lake Isabella; Larry Hollis and family of Spokane, Washington; and her brother Herk Bodermann of San Pedro, California.

Agnes Margaret Bulger

Agnes Margaret Bulger, daughter of Appalonia and Sebastian Hoffman was born and raised in North Braddock, Pennsylvania. She entered into eternal rest on July 29, 1996. She married Bernard Bulger of Rumford, Maine, 50 years ago this year at Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura, California.

They lived in Detroit, Michigan, from 1947 to 1958 where Agnes was active at St. Philamena's Church. In 1958, they returned to California where Agnes began her 20 year employment with GTE in Oxnard. She was an active member of the Communication Workers of America and the Legion of Mary at Santa Clara Church.

After retirement, they moved to Lake Isabella. They traveled in their fifth wheel, making many trips across the country. Agnes loved crafts and particularly enjoyed ceramics and quilting.

Services were held on July 31, 1996, at St. Jude Catholic Church, with Father Charles Casale attending. Special attendants included Lazarus Ministry, Holy Name Society, the Altar-Rosary Society and the Rev. Robert A. Brown O.S.F.S. of St. John Newman Church in Reston, Virginia.

Agnes is survived by her husband Bernard; her daughter Sandra; three grandchildren, John Jr., Caryn and Michael of Herndon, Virginia; and a brother Donald of North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1996

Myrtle Lurene Matheny

Myrtle Lurene Matheny entered eternal rest on July 26, 1996. She was 92 years of age. Myrtle was born in Taylor Ridge, Ohio, on July 5, 1904, to Charles and Elizabeth Robinett. Her husband, Ivan, preceded her in death several years ago.

She worked many years for the May Company stores. Myrtle resided many years in Lake Elsinore and was a long time member of the First Baptist Church there. She moved to Bakersfield and was a resident of Redwood Village Oaks. Just a short while ago she relocated the valley to be near her daughter, Jean.

Myrtle loved doing handiwork such as knitting, crochet and tatting, but her particular enjoyment came from her garden.

A memorial service will be held for Myrtle at the Oakwood Cemetery in Chatsworth at a later date.

In addition to her daughter, Jean Louise Aubuchon, of Wofford Heights, Myrtle is survived by a son Larry Marlow Matheny of Lake Elsinore; her grandchildren Tom Matheny, Brad Matheny, Karl Bachman, Lauri Bell, Roger Aubuchon, and Joyce Tucker, 14 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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Cecil Clem Sandifur

Cecil Sandifur was born in Urbana, Illinois, to Claude and Lillian Sandifur on April 23, 1908. He entered into rest on August 8, 1996, at the Kern Valley Hospital.

He received his early education in Hollywood, California, graduating from Hollywood High School and attending college at U.C.L.A. All of his family were in the field of education. His father was the Principal of North Hollywood High School in North Hollywood, California, from 1929 to 1941.

Cecil married his wife, Mabel, in 1959. She preceded him in death on April 28 of this year.

He had many hidden talents. Among them he was handy at carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. He would tackle and complete any work he had a mind to do.

Services were held at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 13, 1996, at 10 a.m. with Rev. John Carpenter of the Kernville Methodist Church officiating.

Cecil is survived by his son Tom Sandifur of Hawthorne, California; Joanne Sandifur of Rathdrum, Idaho; Donna Hoegee and Lorraine Sartoris, both of Lake Isabella; sister Ruth Neeley of Wofford Heights; sister-in-law Lillian Jamison of Lake Isabella; as well as many friends in the valley.

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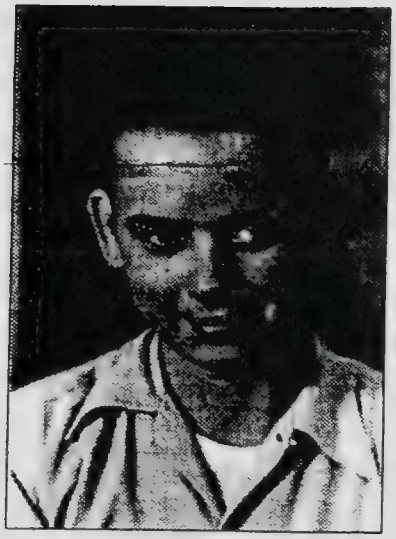
Betty Jo Erickson

Betty Jo Erickson, age 66, passed away at the hospital on August 3, 1996. Memorial services were held for her on August 9, 1996, at Greenlawn Mortuary in Southwest Bakersfield with Greg Berry officiating. She was cremated.

She was born on February 28, 1930, in Newton, Kansas.

A Kernville resident for the past two years, Betty is survived by her husband of 48 years, Charles E. Erickson, as well as her daughter Jan Mazzowe and sister Hazel Erickson.



Larry as a teenager.

Lawrence Larry Irving "Fin" Findly

Larry was born to William and Sarah Findley on November 22, 1933, in Bell, California. He entered into rest on August 11, 1996, at the age of 62.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Agust 14, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Mike Ireland, of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, officiating.

In the 1940's, Larry graduated from Orion High School where he was active in the FFA as well as football. Larry helped his family run the ranch which they owned in Shasta mountains. After high school, Larry joined the service and fought for his country in the Korean conflict. In the mid-50's he returned to Southern California. During the next seven years, Larry worked at various aircraft industries while attending college at U.C.L.A. In 1961 he was married and went on to graduate with a PhD in Geology and Paleontology. He spent the next 20 years raising his family of three, and building his career in the motion picture industry at the studios in Burbank, California.

He moved to the Kern Valley area in 1982 hoping to fulfill his dream of geology and mining. In 1990 he married Terri Wilson, a long-time Kern Valley resident, and spent the next six years devoting his time to her, and her daughter Becky, as well as to his mining projects. In February of this year, Larry had the privilege of walking Becky down the aisle. He enriched his family's lives as well as all who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Lonzo Adams

Graveside serves for Lonzo Adams, 74, of Bakersfield were held on Tuesday, August 13, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Kernville Lodge #872 F. & A.M. officiating. The Funeral Master was Dale Yeargan; Chaplain, Peter Nyhuis; and the eulogy was given by Tom McKinney.

Lonzo was born May 29, 1922, in Russellville, Arkansas and after 32 years service with Southern California Edison, he moved to Wofford Heights. In 1995, he and his wife moved to Bakersfield where he resided until his death.

He was a Shriner and a member of the Kernville Lodge #872, F. & A.M. Lonzo also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Mattie B. Adams, of Bakersfield; a son, Lonnie Lee Adams of Kernville; and a daughter, Beverly Jean Adams of Bakersfield; and his grandson, Brian Roth, of Morro Bay, California.

Visitation was held on Monday, August 12, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wayne Baird

Graveside services were held Friday, August 16, 1996, at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Bakersfield, California, for Wayne Baird, who passed away August 10, 1996, in Tulare, California. Wayne was born February 22, 1938, in Barstow, California, and lived in Bakersfield until he moved to Kernville in 1980 as Postmaster of the Kernville Post Office.

Wayne was very active in the Kernville Lion's Club serving as president and it was through his efforts that Lion's Club Bingo was started. He was a member of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce and was a bingo caller for the Chamber and also for the Lion's Club.

Due to ill health, he was forced to retire from the post office in 1986 and moved back to Bakersfield in 1990. Wayne spent the last year-and-a-half living in Tulare, California, with his daughter, Terry, who cared for him.

Wayne was a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife Kathey in Bakersfield; his son Patrick and daughters Deanna Baird and Terry Steverson in Tulare; three stepchildren Scot Flitcraft, Deborah Long in Bakersfield and Pam Buenaventura in Redmond, Washington. Grandchildren include Shaun, Shannon, Tracy, Amanda, Christopher, Brenda, Jason, Ricky, Christina, Felicia and a very special granddaughter Jillynn Long. He is also survived by his brother Patrick and sister Deana Baird of Bakersfield and one uncle Dean Baird.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the United Parkinson Foundation, 833 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607.

William Harmon "Bill" Simpson, Jr.

Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, 3700 River Blvd., Thursday, August 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. for William Harmon "Bill" Simpson, Jr., age 75, who passed away on August 12, 1996, in Bakersfield. Pastor Cecil Parker will officiate. Full military honors at graveside by Kern County Veterans Association.

Bill was born on December 20, 1920, in Kansas City, Kansas and resided in Lake Isabella. Bill served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired in 1983 from Schlitz Brewers where he worked as a bottler for 16 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #2323 in Granada Hills and Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa.

He was preceded in death by his son Robert and brother Lee, both in 1993. Survivors include his wife Arlene Simpson of Lake Isabella; daughter Dian Snider of Bakersfield; daughter Patty Meyers of San Jose; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother Raymond Simpson of Arkansas and sister Iona Crookshank of Ventura and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of dear friends. Casketbearers were Mark Simpson, Mitchell Turner, Greg Gause, Kent Bush, Steve Gause and Randy Wentling. Visitation begins today at 12:00 p.m.

Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors

OBITUARIES

Vesta Elizabeth Cicotte

Graveside services were held Thursday August 23, 1996 at 10:00 AM at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Vesta Elizabeth Cicotte of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Vesta was born December 27,1905 in Wewoka, Oklahoma and passed away August 19, 1996 in Lancaster, California after a long illness.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 44 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. She was known as "Aunt Bill" by her family and Vesta by her friends. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978. She is survived by her many nieces and nephews in Oklahoma, Oregon and California, also many grand nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Herman C. Lendway

Funeral arrangements have been made for Herman C. Lendway of Walker Basin who passed away August 23, 1996 in Mt. Mesa, California after a long illness. He was 99 years of age. He was born in Hungary February 5, 1897.

Herman was a WWI veteran and a member of the Vets of WWI in Bakersfield. He was a carpenter and jack-of-all-trades most of his life. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Herman and Jennie Lendway, Jr. of Palmdale; son John Lendway of Palmdale; and daughter Pat Hillis of Walker Basin; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; sisters Edith Booty and Elizabeth Kamreth, both of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his wife Francis, son Ralph and daughter Gloria.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James Harrison Crow

James Harrison Crow peacefully passed away on Aug 22, 1996 at the age of 87. Jim was retired from the Naval Ordinance Test Station in China Lake in 1969. He lived in the house he built, in Kernville since 1953. Jim was a veteran of World War II. He loved the outdoors, fishing, and was an accomplished craftsman. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Constance Athina Crow. James and Connie were members of the Kernville Methodist Church.

Jim leaves his only son, James Harvey Crow and wife Karen; two loving granddaughters, Cassadi & Ericka; his friends J.B. and Beverly Edmiston; a beloved niece, Wilma Harrington and her sons; his brother, Lavern (Pork) Crow; brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Christina Meed; and brother-in-law Pete Panarites.

Jim was a kind man with many other friends and loved ones. Mr. Crow will be laid to rest at the Kern Valley Cemetery on August 29 at 11 AM.

Arrangements through Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jim lived a full and rich life, do not mourn for him as we are celebrating his passing into the arms of the Lord.

Myrtle Marie Teasdale Houston

Myrtle Marie Teasdale Houston, known by most as "Grandma," born May 26, 1905, in Hocking, Iowa, went to heaven on August 28, 1996. There will be a celebration of her life, followed by dinner, on September 13, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of her daughter, Phyllis M. Hix, with whom she resided for the past several years, at 316 Rio del Loma, Kernville. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church will officiate at the Celebration of Life and Kern River Valley Chapter No. 643, Order of the Eastern Star, Sue McKinney, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of California, Past Matron, Kern River Valley presiding. All Grandma's friends and family are invited to share this day. There will be a wake in her honor from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on September 12, 1996, at the house.

Myrtle Teasdale was born in a coal mining company town to Alice and Thompson Teasdale, the oldest of five children. As the oldest, it was her task to help her mother care for the others and clothe and feed her father and brothers for their work in the coal mines. She loved school, and to read. She graduated Valedictorian of her class in 1923 from the Novinger, Missouri High School. She attended one year of college at Northeast Missouri Teacher's College, then met the man she was married to for over 50 years, Hyle Leon Houston, who died in 1977.

Although deaf since age 20, most people were unaware of that, due to her great determination to participate cheerfully and fully in all of life's activities. A Christian, her deep faith saw her through many challenges. In a time when "deaf" usually meant "dumb" to most, she became a successful business woman owning and operating many farms and other properties and businesses with her husband in Iowa and Missouri. Together, as a team, they began the "Stop and Shop - Open 24 Hours" produce markets and the first supermarket chain in the mid-west, the IAMO Stores. In her "retirement" years, and until age 84, she was a full time bookkeeper for her daughter's law firm in San Marino, California. She loved going to work each day, and, at that stage of her life, being "one of the girls" at the firm!

They had two children, Patricia Lou, who died as an infant, and Phyllis M. Hix, of Kernville, California.

The Houston team supported many families and friends over the years, from the Depression on, with its Christian love and support, clothes, jobs to those considered unhireable in that period, resources, food. Grandma was always the one to quietly arrive, assess the needs, and fulfill them, then just as quietly go home. She was a leader, yet chose not to be an officer in her groups because of her deafness. In all groups she was the Hostess, the reader of poems, the Inspirational Chairperson, head of the kitchen detail. She worked, always the proper lady, with a smile, purposefully in her gentle, silent world. She never complained, always praised and held to her faith. She never swore, never spoke judgmentally or with nastiness of anyone, and from her youth followed her family and Methodist traditions of working to fiercely protect the rights of the less fortunate, then later, her Eastern Star traditions of extended family love.

She was gentle, kind, calm. She accepted everyone for who and what they were. Grandma never met a stranger. She loved a party – especially her own birthday parties in recent years as she admitted, as the oldest child in a modest family, she had never had a birthday party given for her as a child.

Myrtle loved and supported her entire family unconditionally and doted on her grandchildren, Stacy Marie Hix of Kernville, California, and Jeffrey David Hix of Atlanta, Georgia. She is survived by them; her daughter Phyllis M. Hix of Kernville, California; a brother, Tucker Teasdale of Grundy Center, Iowa; and dozens of other relatives and friends, all of whom will recall her with warmth and a smile.

Interment will be on September 28, 1996, at Fairview Cemetery in Madrid, Iowa.

Francis Harry Austin

A Mass for Christian burial was held Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Francis Harry Austin of Lake Isabella, California. Officiating was Rev. Father Charles Casale.

Mr. Austin was born on April 15, 1914 in Lynn, Massachusetts and passed away on August 20, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years. He was a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for six years. Mr. Austin also worked as a volunteer at the hospital. He was always helping people. He also loved gardening. He was a member of St. Jude Parish Catholic Church.

Survivors include his daughters Florence Vallejo of Newport Beach; Linda Webber of Klamath Falls, Oregon; sons Tim Austin of Long Beach and Michael Draconiis of Lake Isabella; also two grandchildren. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Juanita Louise Fletcher

Funeral services were held on August 27, 1996, at Kern Valley Cemetery for Juanita Louise Fletcher. Louise was born in Seymour, Texas on December 5, 1926, and was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1970. Mrs. Fletcher was an elementary school teacher at Woodrow Wallace Elementary School for 15 years. She will be remembered fondly by her many friends and former students in the valley.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Dennis Fletcher; daughter Susan Harris of Lake Isabella; daughter Lana Patton of Tustin; grandchildren Christie, Julie, Carlee, Jesse, James; great-grandchild Sean and niece Patricia, along with many other loved ones.

Louise was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and teacher. She will be missed dearly by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elsie Luella Snyder

Graveside services were held Friday, September 1, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Elsie Luella Snyder of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Elsie was born on May 5, 1923 in Indianapolis, Indiana and passed away on August 31, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 17 years. She was a member of the Historical Society, Women of the Moose and the VFW Auxiliary. She was also very active at the Lake Isabella Senior Center. Elsie was known for her dancing and she loved her family and friends, antiques, her home and garden and the river.

Elsie is survived by her son James Snyder of Kernville; her daughters, Sandra Morley of Westwood, California; Judith Snyder of Quincy, California; and Sue Snyder of Reno, Nevada; also seven grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Dean Young

Dorothy Dean Young entered eternal life on September 3, 1996. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 7, 1996, at the Weldon United Methodist Church where she had been a member since the 1980's.

She was born in Okarche, Oklahoma, to Martin and Mamie Hamm on September 17, 1925. At the age of 18, Dorothy moved to the Los Angeles area with her family. She began working in the meat packing industry in Vernon, California, at an early age and retired from that industry after 42 years. After moving to the Lake Isabella area 13 years ago, she worked for the Sprouse-Reitz store in Lake Isabella and the James Station in Southlake. She was a member of the VFW, Eagles and the Moose Lodges.

Dorothy leaves her husband of 30 years, John, and her only child, Martin J. Sauber; two grandchildren, April Long and Chris Sauber; two great-grandchildren; twin brother Donald Hamm and wife Lillian; brother Marvin Hamm and wife Vivian; her sister Juanita Gaubert and husband Alonzo; beloved nieces, LaVonne Miller, Elaine Austin, Carolyn Young, Dorothy Ann Pyle, Marvena Rainwater, and Wanda Hamm; nephew Edward Hamm and several grand-nieces and nephews. Dorothy's brother Luther Hamm and nephews Myrle Hamm and Leon Hamm have preceded her in death.

She is now in heaven and rejoicing with God. The family thanks all of her friends for the care and love you showed during her long illness.

Arrangements were made by the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Ruth DeVere Kraus

A graveside service was held for Ruth DeVere Kraus on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery who entered eternal life on August 30, 1996.

Ruth was born on June 10, 1927, in Hatton, North Dakota, where she received her schooling. She moved to California in the 1950s and in 1955, married Edward Kraus in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ruth was an accountant at U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty for 24 years. The moved to the lake area in 1989, settling in Bodfish.

She was a loving outgoing person whose unique personality was enjoyed by all who knew and loved her. She and Edward often traveled to Laughlin with their friends for fun. Ruth loved animals and enjoyed catsitting for her neighbor.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Edward Joseph Kraus; and her brother Ronald Norgaard, of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Services were provided by the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Serena Campbell

Serena Campbell, age 95, entered into eternal rest on September 3, 1996. She was born in Norfolk, England, on May 17, 1901, to Robert and Maryann Scarborough.

In 1911, she and her family moved to Toronto, Canada. She came to the United States in 1934, settling in the Los Angeles area. Serena worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft in assembly for many years and came to the lake area in 1972. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, a member of the Grandmothers Club, and enjoyed serving in any way she could. Serena received great joy in her crochet work and in giving her beautiful creations to others as gifts. A tribute to her was shown in the corsages worn by many of her friends at her funeral service which were hand crocheted by Serena.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella on Thursday, September 5, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. Private interment will be at Inglewood Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Serena is survived by her grandson Sonny Kinne, with whom she lived; granddaughters Sharon Kinne of Norwalk, California; Linda Quemada of Los Alamitos, California; Serena Sisk of Lakewood, California; and Mary Pacheco of Lake Isabella; and eight great-grandchildren. Her only child, Ethel Kinne preceded her in death in 1992 and husband Edwin Wright in 1966 as well as Fred Campbell in 1981.

She was a true example of Christian love and service and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements were provided by the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Betty Jean Martinez

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Betty Jean Martinez. Father Charles Casale of St. Jude Catholic Church officiated.

Betty was born on January 31, 1924, in San Diego, California, and lived in California her entire life. She married Elmo Joseph Martinez on October 28, 1947 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was a homemaker for 49 years. Moe and Betty honeymooned at the old Johnsondale Lumber Camp 49 years ago and Betty fell in love with this area and told her new husband that if all possible, she would someday like to live in this area. Moe fulfilled that wish for her in 1986 when they moved to their home in Wofford Heights, upon retirement. Betty loved to garden, and was an avid reader. She also enjoyed Disney animated movies.

In addition to her husband Moe, Betty is survived by sons Vincent and Michael Martinez and their wives, of Tucson, Arizona; daughter Gale Muegge of Norfolk, Nevada; and one granddaughter. She also leaves a sister, Joann Sheurer, of Georgia. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were provided by the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

David L. Hatchell

Mr. David L. Hatchell of Lake Isabella died September 6, 1996. A memorial service was conducted by the L.O.O.M. #498 on September 10, 1996 at Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Burial of ashes with graveside services will be conducted at Royal Pines Cemetery, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

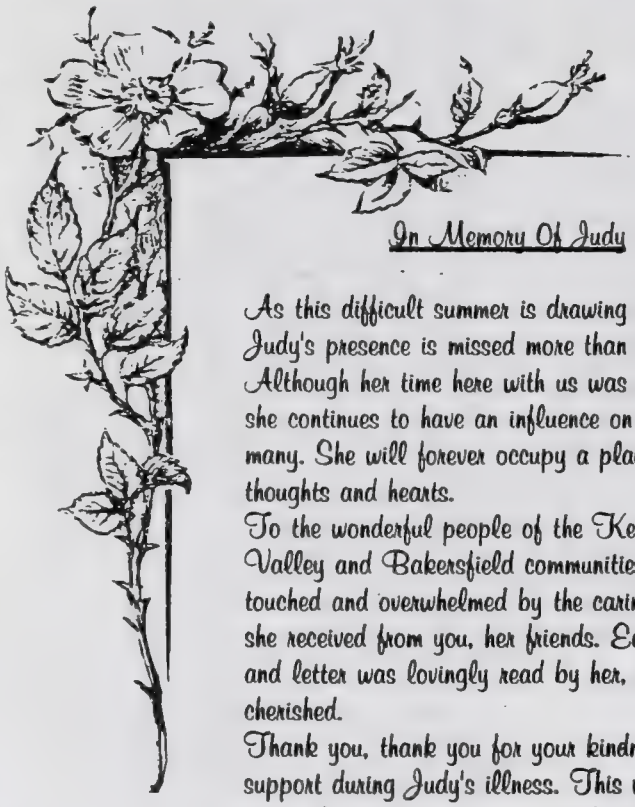
Mr. Hatchell was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina on February 2, 1929. He was the son of the late Mr. Duncan Fullard Hatchell and the late Mrs. Annie Maude Arledge Hatchell.

Mr. Hatchell served in the Army Air Force from 1945 to 1948. Mr. Hatchell was retired from Contel where he was employed for 40 years in a management capacity. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose #498; he was a past member and officer of the Lions Club and a past member and officer of the Lions Club and a past member of the Elks and IPTA.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Peggy Pethel Hatchell of Lake Isabella; 5 sons, Thomas J. Hatchell of Valencia, California, David B. Hatchell of Kaneohe, Hawaii, Lawrence Hatchell of Paso Robles, California, Guy Hatchell of Goleta, California, and Kelly Hatchell also of Goleta; 2 step-daughters, Cathy Thatcher of Boyce, Virginia, and Vicki Rohde of Aurora, Colorado; 13 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Branham of Winnsboro, South Carolina, and Mrs. Edith Campbell of Vance, South Carolina; and a brother, Lanier Hudson of Walterboro, South Carolina.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Center, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, California.

Arrangements were made by the Bonewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Golden Rule Funeral Directors.



In Memory Of Judy

As this difficult summer is drawing to a close, Judy's presence is missed more than ever. Although her time here with us was cut short, she continues to have an influence on the lives of many. She will forever occupy a place in our thoughts and hearts.

To the wonderful people of the Kern River Valley and Bakersfield communities, Judy was touched and overwhelmed by the caring support she received from you, her friends. Each card and letter was lovingly read by her, each gift cherished.

Thank you, thank you for your kindness and support during Judy's illness. This wonderful spirit of generosity meant so much to her and will forever be a part of our memories.

The loving family of Judy Saltzgaver

Kenneth Raymond Clarke

Memorial services were held Sunday, September 22, 1996 at 1:00 PM at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Kenneth Raymond Clarke who passed away September 12, 1996. Officiating was Walter Rawles.

Kenneth was born July 19, 1907 in Eureka, Kansas and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 26 years. He moved here after retiring from Adel, after 30 years. He enjoyed camping during his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Nita Clarke of Bodfish, his daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jim Wagaman of Chatsworth, daughter Alice Smith of Vallejo, California; step-daughter Jan Zurn of Ridgecrest; two brothers, Glen Clarke of Mt. Mesa, California and Pete Clarke of Hemet, California; also eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Corbin Roy Morgan

Funeral services were held on September 18, 1996 at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Corbin Roy Morgan, with Pastor Dave Snow officiating. Mr. Morgan was born in Goldonna, Louisiana November 28, 1911 and entered into the presence of the Lord Sunday, September 15, 1996.

Corbin and his wife Christene came to Fontana, California in 1942 where he was employed at Kaiser Steel until he opened his own Richfield service station in 1952. For 25 years he and his wife ran the business and finally retired to Mt. Mesa. The family spent many years vacationing and fishing in the valley before retiring here.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Christene Morgan; daughter Gloria Stevens and granddaughters Sharla, Shena, and Cherie Stevens of Mt. Mesa; sister Wilma Pollock of Mt. Mesa; nephew Dave Harvey of Mt. Mesa; and sister Elsie Watters of Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was a generous and loving man who will be missed by many family and friends.

Kaj T. Hansen

Kaj T. Hansen was born in Denmark to Harald and Mathea Hansen on September 18, 1918. He entered eternal life September 16, 1996 at his home in Kernville, two days before his 78th birthday.

Kaj left Denmark as a young man and sailed the seas, he never returned to his native country. He came to the United States as a Merchant Marine and joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theatre during WW II. In 1948 he married Lavonne and they had three children. After serving in the Navy, he worked in the oil fields in Bakersfield, California, Australia, Alaska, and Brazil. He also worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District as a Building Engineer for 23 years. He retired in 1982 and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1991. Kaj loved to dance, collected train sets, made bird houses and enjoyed any kind of carpentry and yard work.

He is survived by sons Michael A. of Spokane, Washington, Thomas K. of North Hills, California, and daughter Roxanne M. Claypool of Lancaster, California; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, September 21, at 12:00 noon at Rose Chapel, Pastor Jack A. Dilley, Johnsondale Bible Church officiated. Kaj will be buried at sea.

Arrangements provided by the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, A Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Arleta Rae Fox

Private arrangements were made for Arleta Rae Fox who passed away on September 18, 1996, at her home in Lake Isabella. She was born December 28, 1931 in Manhattan, Kansas and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley from 1955.

She was a member of the Elks Lodge in Lake Isabella. Arleta is survived by her step-sons and their wives, John and Joyce Sterling of Bakersfield, Bobby and Mary Lou Sterling of Bakersfield, Shelby and Linda Sterling of Bakersfield, Jerry and Ruth Sterling of Missouri; 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; and her sister Twala Bradshaw.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Nelson Jordan

Private arrangements were made for William Nelson Jordan who passed away at his home in Squirrel Valley on September 17, 1996 after a long illness. Mr. Jordan and his wife moved to the valley 13 years ago after retiring from his printing business of 25 years. He loved to hunt and fish and also play golf. He was the past president of the Lions Club. Mr. Jordan is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Jo Jordan and son William Jordan, Jr. of Diamond Bar, California, and Robert Jordan of Hermosa Beach, California; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Billy Joe Longworth

Billy Joe Longworth passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on September 15, 1996. Born on January 3, 1925 in Oklahoma, he was very active in youth organizations when his children were growing up in Downey, California. He has been a property owner in Wofford Heights since 1964 and he became a permanent resident in 1977. He worked as a mobilehome improvement specialist until 1962 when he started his own successful business in the same line. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed showing his favorite fishing holes to friends and family.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Shirley, and four children and their spouses, Robert Longworth and wife Mary of Whittier, California, Joseph Longworth of Kernville, Robin Davis and husband David of Anaheim, and Kellene Kirkpatrick and husband Gregg of Wofford Heights; five grandchildren, Kate Anderson, Ted Longworth, Erika and Emily Kirkpatrick and James Davis. He also leaves his sister Vernie Pollock of Southlake; father-in-law Robert Guthrie of Southlake, and special friend Chris Anderson of Huntington Beach.

He was a very brave man in his last days on earth and will be remembered lovingly by his family and friends. A private memorial service attended by family members only will be held September 21, 1996.

Arrangements were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family. A Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Dorothy Maude Young

Memorial Services for Dorothy Young who entered eternal rest on September 13, 1996, will be held Wednesday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Community Church, Lake Isabella with Pastor James Lee officiating. Dorothy was born in Norwich, England to Arthur and Mary Holman on December 15, 1918. She married Albert Bernhart Young and had been a housewife for 50 years, and they moved to the Kern River Valley from Highland Park 22 years ago.

Until her illness progressed, Dorothy was a very active participant in the Tuesday night prayer and Bible study at the Skilled Nursing Center and Pastor Jack Dilley remembers her ability to quote vast inspiration to everyone at these studies. She will be remembered for her faith in the Lord.

In addition to her husband Albert, Dorothy is survived by a daughter Cristina Sanduskey of Thousand Oaks, California; a grandson Brian Sanduskey; and several nieces and nephews in England.

Arrangements provided by the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Director.

Nellie Viola Link

Nellie Viola Link passed away in Sacramento, California, on September 21, 1996, at the age of 89. Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 25, 1996, at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A native of Greenville, Township of Easley, South Carolina, she was a long time resident of Wofford Heights, but most recently lived in Sacramento. Nellie was Past President of the KAPH Chapter of the Order of the Golden Slipper in Kernville. She loved painting, fishing and walks along Tillie Creek.

She was the beloved wife of the late William "Ted" Link and the loving mother of the late Boyce E. Link of Stockton. Nellie was the dear grandmother of Ron and Ellen Link, step-grandmother of Norma Morish, Tina Gray and Raymond Reynold; loved sister of Henry, Jack, Nick, Estel and Mami; daughter of the late William Silas Stansel and Emma Eugenia Greene; great-grandmother of Robin Link and Tracy Brown; and the great-great-grandmother of Mellissa Brown.

Arrangements by Lind Brothers Mortuary in Carmichael, California.

Virginia Elmira Erickson

A visitation was held Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at Ridgecrest Mortuary in Ridgecrest for Virginia Elmira Erickson of Bodfish. A graveside service followed at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 1996, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Mel Hetrick.

Virginia was born February 11, 1904 in Tunnel Hill, Illinois, and died September 22, 1996 in Mt. Mesa. She was 92 years old. Virginia was a 17-year resident of the Kern River Valley. She was employed by McDonnell Douglas Aircraft as a seamstress, receiving many awards for innovations in manufacturing aircraft upholstered products.

She is survived by her daughter June Teeter of Bodfish; sister Mary Ina Hall of Carbondale, Illinois; four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Irene Dela Bothum

Private arrangements have been made for Irene Dela Bothum who passed away on September 24, 1996, in Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Bothum was born on February 15, 1901, in Downing, Missouri. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 14 years. From 1982 to 1986, she was very involved at the Senior Center and attended all the dances.

Irene is survived by her son Richard Joyce and her nephew James Harper, both of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Chass Ryan Gentry

Memorial services were held on October 5, 1996, at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for 5-week-old Chass Ryan Gentry. Officiating were both Jack Dilley and Deryl Lackey. He was born on April 10, 1996, in Richmond, Texas, and passed away on May 17, 1996 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Chass is survived by his mother, Heather Marie Priebe of Mt. Mesa, a graduate of Kern Valley High School. Also surviving Chass are his grandparents, Sandra ~~Priebe of Amarillo~~, Texas, and Darrell and Michelle Priebe of Mt. Mesa; great-grandparents, Wayne and Julie Woolard of Mt. Mesa, and Elsie Priebe of Cypress, California; great-aunts and uncles, Dave and Gaylynn Glover of Mt. Mesa, and Mark and Laura Woolard of Corona, California; aunts and uncles, Misty and Jeffrey Priebe of Amarillo, Texas, and Steve and Sheldon Priebe of Mt. Mesa; as well as numerous other family members and friends of the valley.

His mother Heather says, "Although my beautiful and precious Chass was never able to meet with his family during his short life of five weeks, they all loved him so very much and wait until the day we can all be together again forever.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

A Prayer

I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine, he said,

For you to love the while he lives and mourn for when he is dead.

It may be six or seven years or twenty-two or three, but will you, 'til I call him back, take care of him for me?

He'll bring his charm to gladden thee and shall his stay be brief.

You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay since all from earth do return, but there are lessons taught down here, I want this child to learn.

I've looked the worldwide over in my search for teacher's true, and from the throng that crowds life's lane, I have selected for him, you.

Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain, nor hate me when I come to call and take him back again.

I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, thy will be done."

For all the joy thy child shall bring the risk of grief will run. And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay.

But angels came to call him much sooner than we planned, so we'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand.

Anonymous

Mittie Agnes (Harris) Meador

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, October 1, 1996, for Mittie Agnes Meador, at Kern River Valley Cemetery. She and her husband were Southlake residents for 18 years.

Born December 14, 1909, near Fredrick, Oklahoma, she died September 24, 1996, in Torrance, California, where she had lived for the past six years.

She is survived by her sister, Nellie Buchanan of Hugo, Oklahoma; one son, Duane Meador, of Franklin, Kentucky; four daughters, Vanita Vaughn of Torrance, California; Klavelle Johnen of Dallas, Oregon; Vanelle Nurse of Missoula, Montana; and Janelle Knie of Lake Forest, California; eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family asks that any donations be made to VITAS Healthcare Corp. (Hospice), 970 W. 190th Street, Suite 930, Torrance, California 90502.

Robert Denmark Griffin

Memorial services were held Sunday, October 6, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Robert Denmark Griffin. Officiating was his grandson, Pastor David Charles Harring.

Mr. Griffin was born November 30, 1910, in Adel, Georgia and passed away October 4, 1996 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past five years. He moved to Lake Isabella after retiring from the trucking business. He loved to garden, and loved his family.

He is survived by his daughters, Jean Harring and Sherlee Griffin, both of Fairoaks, California; his sisters, Florence Weeser and Flonnie Gourley and brother Sam Griffin, all of Lake Isabella. Mr. Griffin is also survived by six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

James Reno Pianalto

Services were held on at 12:00 noon on October 8, 1996, for James Reno Pianalto, who passed away Friday, October 4, 1996, at the age of 82. Officiating was Deacon Willard VanLassen at Mr. Pianalto's home in Lake Isabella.

He was born in Tonitown, Arkansas, on March 8, 1914. James retired as a machinist with Hydro Air in Burbank, California. He and his wife, Margie, moved to the Lake Isabella area 21 years ago, where he loved to fish.

James is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margie Pianalto; daughter Shirley A. Schlitz of Tehachapi, California; son Duane Pianalto of Yantis, Texas; grandchildren Todd Schlitz of Ft. Benning, Georgia; Tracy Clark of Alba, Texas; Danny Pianalto of Harrah, Oklahoma; Scott Ekwell of Garland, Texas; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Johnny Pianalto of Torrance, California, and his sister Esther Bly of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Floyd Richardson

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, October 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Kern Cemetery District/Arvin for Floyd Richardson, age 95, formerly of Arvin, who passed away October 4, 1996, in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Kevin Reeves of the Arvin Church of God officiated and interment followed.

Mr. Richardson was born November 27, 1900, in Avoca, Oklahoma, which was then Indian Territory, to John and Emedorah Richardson. He was raised in the Pottawatamie County area and attended the Oak Grove School.

On May 5, 1926, he married Jewel Henry in Asher, Oklahoma, and in 1943 the Richardson family came to Arvin. Floyd was known as a hard working man and he enjoyed working in his garden and in his roses. He loved to be with his family and in fact in later years, moved up to the Weldon area to be near more of them.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewel in 1982 and a grandson Dennis Carter in 1981. He is survived by his son Lyndell Richardson and his wife Pat of Arvin; daughters Palma Wren and her husband Bill of Weldon; and Velma Carter and her husband Cecil of Redmond, Oregon; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the Funeral Home in Arvin on Sunday and Monday.

Arrangements were made by Arvin Funeral Home.

Wednesday, October 16, 1996

Edward Russell DeBolt

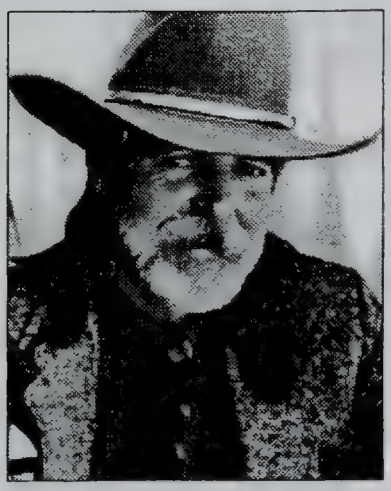
A graveside service for Edward Russell DeBolt; age 61, will be held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Wednesday, October 16, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Jack Dilley of the Johnsondale Bible Church and the V.F.W. will officiate.

Edward was born in Moorehead, Montana, to Edward and Helen DeBolt and was raised in Fargo, North Dakota. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy, serving in Viet Nam. He entered into eternal rest on October 9, 1996, at his home in Wofford Heights.

He was a quiet man, taking pleasure in his family and most especially enjoyed his grandchildren. He loved teasing them. He enjoyed helping his wife, Geraldine, behind the scenes in her antique shop and accompanied her to many antique shows. Ed and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley in 1989 from Riverside County.

In addition to his wife, Geraldine, Ed is survived by daughters Judy Miller of San Jose, California; Denise Olson of Phoenix, Arizona; Linda Klien and husband Tom of Lake Isabella; son Donald, of Wofford Heights; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Eddie Louis "Bud" Hess III

Bud was born May 16, 1953, in La Mesa, California, and departed from us on September 27, 1996 at the age of 43. In his adolescent years, he enjoyed his youth, school, sports, nature and things that made him, his family and friends happy.

He graduated from Baldwin Park High School in Baldwin Park, California. Bud was a married man and fathered four children, Christine Lynn Hess, Tawnya Joy Hess, Danille Renee Hess, and Eddie Louis Hess IV.

Bud loved and provided for his family to the utmost of his ability and gave them any protection in need. He spent time in the U.S. Army and worked with military hi-tech equipment and aircraft.

He loved and provided for his family to the utmost of his ability and gave them protection in any need.

He also had and showed love and great affection for his mother Jeannette Eastridge; his sister Deborah Ellen Jones; his brother Jerry Malcolm Hess; his sister Tami Laroque; his brother James Leroy Richie; and his brother Lonnie Wright Richie.

Bud resided in Lake Isabella area for the past five years and has made numerous friends who loved and will miss him with all our hearts.

His employers, Danny and Cindy Rutherford, gave Bud a new look on life and he loved them like they were part of his family and he always spoke highly of them.

Any wrong can be forgiven, but now only prayers are the answer from Bud to us that mistreated him and beg for his forgiveness.

Services were provided by the Kern Valley VFW #7665. The family thanks them very much for the fine job.

Marvin M. Wallick

Private family services were held for Marvin M. Wallick, 76, of Wofford Heights. Inurnment was in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. A 16-year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Wallick was born July 23, 1920 in Long Beach, California and entered into eternal rest at his home after a lengthy illness on October 12, 1996.

A retired aeronautical engineer, Mr. Wallick last worked for the McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Co. He was an active member of the Kernville United Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Trustees. Marvin was an artisan and gifted woodcarver. He was able to carve beautiful ducks and exhibited at various art shows in the valley. He also served his country in World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Harriett Wallick of Wofford Heights; his daughter, Judy Dow of Long Beach; two grandchildren, David Wallick of San Diego and Debbie Dibias of Minnesota; his brother Clarence Wallick of Hemet; and his beloved daughter-in-law, Susan Wallick of Garden Grove.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Janet Elizabeth Welch

Janet Elizabeth Welch was born Janet E. Primavera on Feb. 15, 1933 in Wellesley, Mass., and entered eternal rest on Oct. 12, 1996.

Janet married George D. Welch on Dec. 27, 1950. Mother of two daughters, she and family moved to Bakersfield, Calif. in Sept. 1959, where the children grew up. They moved to Lake Isabella in 1980. She was supportive of her husband's career during almost 30 years with the Kern County Fire Dept.

She was a popular personality with some of the other station personnel for delivering or sending pie, cake or cookies in the evenings and remembering them every holiday.

She was an excellent wife for nearly 46 years, an ideal mother, a beloved grandmother, and a greatly beloved great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband George, daughter Adrienne and her sons Pancho and Eddie of San Pedro, daughter Jeanne of Stirling City, granddaughter Amber and great-grandson Kalem of Magalia and granddaughter Robin of Bakersfield. There has been a special place in her heart for her late grandson Eli, who was a victim of leukemia.

Janet succumbed to pancreatic cancer. She will be missed by all. At her request, her remains will be cremated and scattered at sea. There will be no funeral. Her life will be celebrated.

Cremation arranged by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Elmer "Whitey" Marksberry

Funeral services for Elmer "Whitey" Marksberry, 78, of Weldon, were held on Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel with Reverend David Graham officiating. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. A 17-year Kern River Valley resident, Whitey was born May 10, 1918, in Crescent Springs, Kentucky, and entered into rest at his Weldon home on October 11, 1996.

Whitey had been an active member of the Eagles Aerie #3156 and had been an active bowler and pool player. After their retirement, he and his wife Shirley, had enjoyed traveling together. His family said "he really loved the Kern River Valley." They would like to his many friends in the valley for their many years of friendship.

He is survived by his son, Richard Marksberry of Santa Barbara; his daughter, Terry Hollister of Huntington Beach; his sister Elva Riley of Weldon; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, those who prefer may remember Whitey by making a donation in his memory to the American Heart Association, 404 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Sharon Kay Newby

A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 1 p.m. at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella for Sharon Kay Newby, 53, of Weldon, California, with Pastor Jack Dilley of the Johnsondale Bible Church officiating. Sharon was then escorted to the Kern Valley Cemetery by six pallbearers, family and friends. The pallbearers were Hurcel Watson, Gary Phelan, Gregory Watson Sr., Gregory Watson Jr., Pat Phelan, and John Potts.

Sharon was born March 15, 1943, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to her parents Oran and Sarah Watson. On December 26, 1965, she married Richard E. Newby in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later, Sharon worked in real estate in the Long Beach, California, area until moving to the Kern River Valley three years ago, where she then resided in Weldon. Sharon loved to cook and care for her family. She was prided as being a great homemaker. Though Sharon had been ill for a long period of time, she never complained of her condition. She was a great lover of life and she will be truly missed by those of whom held her close to their hearts.

She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Newby; her mother Sarah Watson of Weldon; her son John Potts of Long Beach and her sister Lynn Watson of Weldon.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Virginia Anna Bullington

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 20, 1996, at 3 p.m. for Virginia Anna Bullington, 75, of Lake Isabella with Dr. Marvin Moon, of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church officiating.

Virginia was born August 5, 1921, in Wichita, Kansas and entered into eternal rest on October 13, 1996. She married Joseph Edward Bullington, Jr. in Yuma, Arizona, on January 6, 1940 and was the mother of two children. She worked for Pacific Telephone as a supervisor for 33 years and was also the Union Representative for the women of Pacific Telephone. She moved to the Kern Valley area 16 years ago from Norwalk. Virginia was active in her church and enjoyed her hobby of painting. She loved animals and was interested in the conservation of wildlife. She was a devoted and loving mother and a great inspiration and help to her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, but loved ones find comfort in knowing Virginia is at rest.

In addition to her loving husband Joseph, Virginia is survived by daughter Kristopher Deapen of Phoenix, Arizona; son Bryden Bullington of Taos, New Mexico; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and sister Irene Davidson of Laguna, California.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

Virginia "Betty" McLaren

Funeral services for Virginia "Betty" McLaren, 83, of Bodfish, were held on Monday, October 21, 1996, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Christian Church with Reverend Duane Splawn officiating. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

A 25-year valley resident, Betty was born June 14, 1913 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. A homemaker, Betty was a member of the Kern River Valley Christian Church and was a devoted Christian woman who loved life.

She is survived by her son, Jack McLaren of Glendale; her brothers, Don Hostetter and Paul Hostetter; her sisters, Arlene Williamson and Violet Francis, all of California; one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Paul Ben Richard Swanson

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Paul Swanson, who was born to Swan and Svea Swanson, both of whom were born in Sweden. Paul was born on April 8, 1925 in Spokane, Washington and entered rest after a long illness at his home on October 12, 1996, at the age of 71. Pastor Jack Dilley of the Johnsondale Bible Church officiated.

When Paul was three months old, his parents moved to Alhambra, California, where he remained until he was 17 years of age at which time he joined the United States Navy, serving in World War II. After the service, he returned to Alhambra, and later moved to Inglewood, California. Paul left the Inglewood area in 1982 and retired in the lake area.

Paul was a member of the Kern Valley Bible Church. He also was active at the Johnsondale Bible Church where he sang each Sunday. He also sang at the Skilled Nursing Center at the Kern Valley Hospital on Tuesday nights during the mid-week service. Pastor Jack Dilley states that Paul was very faithful to these three ministries. Paul was a member of the Mended Hearts Club, Toastmasters, the Kern Valley Historical Society, the Friends of the Library and the Writers and Poets Club.

Surviving Paul are his sister Ellen McDonald of Lake Isabella; three nieces, Bobbie Harwell of Lake Isabella; Betty Perigan of Chino, California; and Barbara Rhodes of Riverside, California. Also, twin great-nephews of Bobbie Harwell, Todd and Tim Harwell of Lake Isabella; Barbara's three sons Scott and Steve of Chino, California; and Kenny of New York. All who knew and loved him will greatly miss Paul and all of his talents. Paul has recently had some of his poems published by the poets club.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

The Changing Days of Youth (Free To Be Young)
by Paul B. R. Swanson, March 19, 1996

How well I remember the days of my youth
Days of falsehood, days of truth
Days of loss, days of gain
Days of peace, days of pain

At times poor, never wealthy,
but, praise God, mostly healthy.
Free to worship as I please
As a young man, to sail the seas

To serve my country, full of pride
To take my loved one as my bride,
To go through school, free to learn,
To do the things for which I yearn

Free to make friends with those around me
I've had their support when trouble surround me.
I've been a friend in time of need
I've helped brothers with a worthy deed

Oft, life seemed unfair, make no mistake,
It's a constant series of give and take,
Traveling life's highway, I oft pay a toll
Yet I continue along as I roll

Tho now I'm old, I've been young.
Of life's events, I've often sung
At times in life, a hard path I've taken
but by God's grace I've never been forsaken.

Eldron D. "Brandy" Brandenburg

Memorial services were held Sunday, October 27, 1996, at 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. Officiating were the officers of the BPOE #2358. Brandy was born on May 1, 1919 in Huntington, West Virginia and passed away on October 24, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. He was 77 years old.

Brandy served in the Army during WWII in Panama and in Europe. He was a member of the Elks for 55 years, and the DAV. He and his wife loved to travel and fish. He also belonged to the Kernville Gun Club. Brandy was a wonderful husband and father and a super grandpa.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cecilia of Mt. Mesa; and his daughters, Loal Allen of Washington, Elka Ratliff of Arizona; brother Charles Brandenburg of Florida; and sisters Martha Smallridge of Florida and Margaret Dean of West Virginia; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Harry Earl Arnold, Jr.

Harry was born in York, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1923, to Harry and Hattie Arnold.

He attended Temple University in Pennsylvania and then served in World War II in the United States Air Force. Harry later moved to Marina Del Rey, California, where he worked his entire career for Rockwell International as an inspector. He retired in 1980, after 46 years with Rockwell.

He is survived by his companion of 16 years, Monday Rutherford, and his beloved dog, Suzie Q. At his request, no services were held. He passed away at his residence on October 23, 1996. Harry will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert Royal Witt

Robert Royal Witt passed away on October 16, 1996. He was born one of ten children, in Randsburg, California, to James Newton Witt of Tellico Plains, Tennessee, and Nellie Grace Gessell of Mincie, Indiana. He retired after 30 years at Rancho Los Amigo Polio Hospital in Downey as a mail attendant.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Norma Joy; a twin brother, Albert Witt; older brother, Wade Witt; and a younger sister, Mary Weaver.

Robert's surviving family includes his brother, James Witt; sisters Susan Milligan and Margaret Allison, all of Lake Isabella; brothers Hiram Witt of Sacramento, Timothy Witt of Onyx and Mike Witt of Diamond Springs; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert will be cremated. There was a memorial held at the VFW on October 26, 1996, at 11 a.m. Thank you to those in attendance.

Benjamin C. Szabo

At his request, no services will be held for Benjamin C. Szabo, 81, of Lake Isabella. Ben was born January 9, 1915, in Houston, Texas, and passed away in a local hospital on October 20, 1996.

Ben started playing the violin at the age of seven and by age nine he was playing with the Ziegfeld Follies and appearing on many large stages in Europe. After marrying his beloved wife Jean, they entertained and played their music together from San Diego to Tacoma, Washington, to Lake Isabella for 53 years.

He worked for 30 years as a shop foreman for San Diego Gas & Electric Company. For the past two years, Ben has been involved with the Kern Valley Community Orchestra under the direction of Bethany Jones and also started a bimonthly Country Western Jam Session at the Lake Isabella Library, as well as playing on Mondays at the Senior Center for the lunch attendees.

Ben was recently honored by the Kern Valley Exchange Club as their Senior of the Month in recognition of his many contributions to the Kern Valley community. He was a member in good standing of the Amateur Radio Club as a Ham Radio operator. He was also a member of the San Diego Musicians Union since 1936 and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Betty Brooks, of Lake Isabella; his brother, Walter Szabo of San Diego; three grandchildren, Jo Ann Robbins, Larry Stabin and Dr. Eugene Nitowski; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; his nephew, David Szabo and two nieces, Joyce Varonfakis and Sharon Outhouse.

It was Ben's wish that family and friends remember him by making memorial donations to Kern Hospice, 4300 Stine Rd., Suite 720, Bakersfield, California 93313. Ben will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Eloise M. Devereaux

Private family services have been held for Eloise M. Devereaux, 70, of Wofford Heights. Born May 6, 1926, in Bourbonnais, Illinois, Mrs. Devereaux passed away on October 20, 1996, in a local hospital after a brief illness.

An 8-year Kern River Valley resident, she was a retired nurse having last worked at Glendale Adventist Hospital. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and greatly enjoyed traveling, reading and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Devereaux of Wofford Heights; a son, James Granger of Lafayette, Indiana; a daughter, Kathy Morgan of Bartow, Florida; a sister, Pauline Merino of St. Ann, Illinois; a brother, Paul La Gesse of Momence, Illinois; and four grandchidren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Laura Katherine Carmichael

Graveside services were held Monday, October 28, 1996, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Laura Katherine Carmichael of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Laura was born April 2, 1905 in Cabron, Indiana, and passed away on October 22, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. She was 91 years old.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 28 years and a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church and the 55+ Club. She enjoyed her gardening.

Laura is survived by her nephew, George Infange of Newbury Park, California; and her niece, Dawn Avery Sage of Sacramento, California; stepdaughter, Gloria Morris of Houston, Texas; and her companion and dear friend, Richard Zahnter of Lake Isabella; and her close friend, Thelma Wagner, of Scottsdale, Arizona. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Theresa B. Christopher

A memorial service for Theresa Bridget Christopher was held at the Rose Chapel at Lake Isabella Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 1996. Interment will be in Cloquet, Minnesota.

Theresa was born in Cloquet, Minnesota on October 3, 1905, to Oscar and Margaret McIntyre. She received all of her schooling there and in 1926 married Willard Christopher. After the death of her husband, Theresa was solely committed to raising their two children. She worked in Torrance for Garrett Air Research Corporation as office manager, purchased her own home, and provided excellent education for her children. She was a strong, independent, family oriented woman.

Her life centered around her children and she instilled into them her commitment to their religious belief, their commitment to hard work and commitment to family.

Theresa moved to the Kern River Valley in 1992. She loved her rose garden, baking for her family and was thankful for every day. She was always there for her four generations of family, ready to listen, give advice or lend a helping hand.

She is survived by her son Bill and wife Mary of Lake Isabella; daughter Mary Ann Steinhauer and husband Robert of Palos Verdes, California; sister Margaret Ann Johnson of Colquet, Minnesota; brother Allen James McIntyre of Minneapolis, Minnesota; brother Harold John McIntyre of Cloquet, Minnesota; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her brother John McIntyre preceded her in death. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Monty W. Bencoma

At his request, no services will be held for Monty Williiam Bencoma who entered eternal rest on October 30, 1996, at a Bakersfield hospital after a lengthy battle with heart disease.

Monty was born in Oakland, California, on April 3, 1941 to Raymond and Grace Bencoma and moved to the Kern River area as an infant where his father was working in the logging industry. It was as a small child he learned the logging business and his appreciation of the great outdoors. Monty worked in the logging business for Sierra Forest Logging Company for 35 years. He loved his work so much his family considered it his hobby.

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He is survived by his wife

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 6, 1996

James Spellman, Sr.

James Spellman, Sr., a Los Angeles area Realtor and technical advisor for television and motion pictures for the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service, has died. He was 66.

Spellman, a long-time resident of Simi Valley and recently the Lake Isabella community of Weldon in Kern County, died October 26 at the James W. Wadsworth VA Medical Center in West Los Angeles, a family spokesman stated.

Born July 6, 1930, Spellman was a native of Salem, Massachusetts, and a nephew to the late Francis Cardinal Spellman, the popular Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar to the Armed Services during the 50's and 60's. Spellman entered military services with the U.S. Air Force in 1948 and was trained in the food service field. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Spellman's 22-year Air Force career included overseas tours to Okinawa, Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island and Hawaii. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, U.N. Service Medal, American Defense Medal, Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal, Longevity Service Award with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Service Award.

In his other previous special assignment with the Ground Observer Corps, Spellman was commended by the governor and state civil defense director of New Jersey for his outstanding work. However, it was his nearly 10-year career with the Air Force Recruiting Service that Spellman excelled. In 1964, he was honored as the best recruiter-salesman on the West Coast (an eight-state area) with a better than 200 percent of his recruiting objective across the board – winning the "Top Tiger" trophy five of the six times it was awarded.

As a behind-the-scenes technical advisor to the Hollywood entertainment industry, Spellman was responsible for the correct portrayal of Air Force service members in such movies and television series as "No Time for Sergeants," "I Dream of Jeannie," and "That Girl." Prior to his retirement in 1970 as a Master Sergeant, Spellman was honored by the Air Force Association and Senator Barry Goldwater as the top non-commissioned officer in the state of California for all armed forces in 1969, and was top recruiter for the U.S. Air Force throughout the entire United States.

In 1972, Spellman began his civilian career with Red Carpet Realtors and quickly became a Million Dollar Club member the same year. He was rapidly promoted to Vice President and Director of Public Relations for Giant, Inc., the parent company of Red Carpet. During that time, Spellman became a prominent member within The Masquers Club – Hollywood's oldest private theatrical club – working with such notables as Jimmy Stewart, Georgie Jessel, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Jim Backus, Gene Autry, former Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley and "Apollo 11" astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

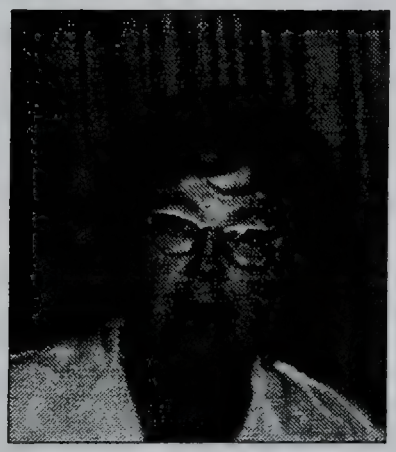
Spellman was also involved with the Variety Arts Theatre of Hollywood and The Magic Castle. He was a Century Club member of the Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club, and involved with fundraising campaigns for "Toys for Tots," numerous golf tournaments and testimonial dinners for Hollywood celebrities, the "Hollywood Christmas Parade" and Christmas parties for underprivileged and needy children.

After brief career moves with Better Homes & Garden Realty of Encino and James R. Gary & Company, Ltd. Realtors in Woodland Hills, Spellman relocated to the Kern River Valley to pursue restoration and remodeling of his A-Frame retirement home overlooking Lake Isabella.

Spellman is preceded in death by his father, Francis James Spellman of Salem, Montana. Survivors include his wife of over 40 years, the former Virginiann Futia of White Plains, New York (now in Weldon); four sons, former Air Force Captain James Spellman, Jr., of Mt. Mesa; Scott Anthony Spellman of Weldon; Darryl Wayne Spellman of Simi Valley; Duane Allen Spellman of Aurora, Colorado; daughter Cindy Jean Marie Spellman Brown of Frazier Park, California; plus four grandchildren, Cory Marie Spellman, Christopher James Spellman, Chad Nicholas Spellman and Christian Allan Brown.

Surviving family members also include Spellman's mother and stepfather, Mrs. Iva and Mr. Phill LaBonte of Salem, Massachusetts; mother-in-law Frances Futia of Weldon; brother-in-law Anthony Futia, Jr. of White Plains, New York; brothers William Spellman of Visalia, California; Richard Spellman of Sanford, Maine; and five sisters, Frances Benway of Silver Springs, Florida; Margaret Goodwin and Mary Schiebe of Salem, Massachusetts; Dorothy MacAskill of Peabody, Massachusetts; Elizabeth Picariello of Swampscott, Massachusetts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private memorial services with Military Honors rendered by Edwards Air Force Base's nine-member "Blue Eagles" Honor Guard and Rifle Team were conducted at the Los Angeles National Cemetery on November 1, 1996. Separate memorial services and a Celebratory Mass for family members in Massachusetts were held on November 2, 1996. Final interment is scheduled to take place at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Leslie Eugenia Jeanson

A funeral service was conducted Wednesday, October 30, 1996 at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Leslie Eugenia Jeanson of Lake Isabella by Pastor Floyd R. Castillo.

Leslie was born on June 12, 1910, to Roy E. Greenlee and Lola Woodall in the town of Leon, West Virginia. She attended several colleges and universities including West Virginia University, Morris Harvey College, Columbia University, Ohio State University and University of California at Berkeley. She earned masters degrees in botany, biology and teaching.

She taught school in West Virginia for 13 years before entering the U.S. Navy in 1942 where she served as a Lieutenant in the communications field. She married Hugh Jeanson on December 21, 1946, and was released from the Navy after the birth of their first child in 1948.

Leslie moved to the Los Angeles area and worked substituting and teaching from about 1953 until she came to the Kern River Valley in 1959. She taught at Kern Valley High School until her retirement in 1975.

She was well known as a botanist and knew most of the plants in the Kern Valley. In her home state of West Virginia, she is credited with discovering a tree that had not yet been found in that state.

Leslie is survived by her two daughters, Ro Silvester of Anchorage, Alaska, and Judith Protiva of Peace Valley, Missouri. She is also survived by two brothers, Ken Greenlee of Indiana and Roy Greenlee of St. Louis, Missouri. Her husband, Hugh Jeanson, pre-deceased her in 1991. There are five grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all of us. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California, where she will be laid to rest alongside her late husband.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lake Isabella Senior Center and to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington DC 20042-0560 (Membership #368866).

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Vincent Walter Marcy, Jr.

Vincent Walter Marcy, Jr., was born on April 8, 1948, in Los Angeles, California, to Vincent and Lorraine Marcy. He entered into eternal life on October 27, 1996, in Bakersfield.

He attended Granada Hills High School, Pierce Junior College and Bakersfield College. He served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam war. He married Mary Ellen Overman on July 20, 1971 in Burbank, California, and they moved to the Kern River Valley in 1973. He worked with his father at the Vincent W. Marcy Insurance Agency in Mt. Mesa, later purchasing it from his father; and in 1987, he and his son Walter, entered into business as All American Mustang Co., also in Mt. Mesa.

Vincent had a wonderful, quiet sense of humor, loved being with and caring for his family. He was always there to help others, preferring to help them behind the scenes, taking little or no credit for his kindness. He loved to mine for gold and was a member of Gold Prospectors Association of America. Vincent was also one of the founders of the Lake Isabella Amateur Radio Association and was very active in the group, as well as a member of the Shelby American Automobile Club.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen; son Vincent Walter Marcy III; daughter Lorraine Ellen Marcy; his mother Lorraine Marcy; uncles Sherwood A. Wagner, Fredrick E. Wagner; mother-in-law Ina Mae Overman; and his beloved Dalmation, Shelby; along with numerous cousins and many friends.

At his request, there will be no service and in lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to the Kern Valley Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box A.M., Lake Isabella.

Arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.
Ruth Marie; daughters Monica Kleeman, Montana Bencoma, Michelle Bencoma, all of Weldon; son Timothy Bencoma of Onyx; and nine-month-old grandson, Cole. Monty also leaves numerous nieces and nephews plus brothers Virgil Eller of Weldon; Raymond and Donald, both of Porterville; Gary, Tracy and Nick, all of Weldon; and his sister Trudy Barraza of Bakersfield.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Betty Jane Olson

Graveside services were held Friday, November 1, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. for Betty Jane Olson at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Mrs. Olson was born January 21, 1925 in Pennsylvania and passed away October 28, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for seven years. She was very active in the Nazarene Church in Lake Isabella. Mrs. Olson loved traveling, camping and fishing. She visited the nursing center and people around the valley. She never knew a stranger. She was a wonderful and loving mother.

Mrs. Olson is survived by her husband Charles of Lake Isabella; and her daughers Carol Lawrence of Garden Grove; Barbara Beulke of Chatsworth; Ginny Murray of Santa Clarita; Linda White of Oregon; and Terry White of Alaska. She is also survived by her stepdaughters Patsy Eisenhauer of Ridgecrest and Kathleen Forsythe of North Dakota; her stepson Charles T. Olson of Long Beach; and 13 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Katie Ree Leach

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 30, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at Olive Lawn Memorial Park in La Mirada, California, for Katie Ree Leach. Officiating was Pastor Paul Washikawa.

Katie was born February 2, 1919 in Black Oak, Arkansas, and passed away October 25, 1996, in Mt. Mesa. She moved to Lake Isabella from Paramount, California, where she lived for many years.

She loved country and western music and spending time with her family. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Katie is survived by her daughter Judith Swanson of Lake Isabella; and her sons Michael Leach of Lompoc, and Jimmy Leach of City of Orange; and eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Lillian Carter

Graveside services were held Monday, November 4, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Margaret Lillian Carter. Officiating was Pastor James Lee of the Valley Community Church.

Mrs. Carter was born September 22, 1912 in Los Angeles, California, and passed away on October 30, 1996, in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Bodfish and a Kern County resident for 53 years. She was a member of the Single Side Band Club and her CB handle was "Mom C." She loved to read and crochet and garden.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, James and Patsy Carter of Bakersfield; and Donald and Lee Carter of Oregon; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles S. Street

Charles Smiley Street of Lake Isabella, entered into eternal rest on October 26, 1996, at a Bakersfield hospital at the age of 76. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 17, 1920. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army and was active in the Aleutian Islands Campaign.

He moved to the Kern River Valley in 1975 from Southern California where he had worked for many years for the Herald Examiner. After moving to the lake area, he worked for the Kernville Union School District at Woodrow Wallace in the maintenance department. He retired from there after 11 years of service.

Charles was an avid bowler prior to his illness and he especially enjoyed Francine's Family Restaurant and considered all the waitresses there his special friends.

He was a devoted husband and caretaker to his wife Audrey, who predeceased him in January 1995. Charles is survived by his sisters, Anna May Rengers of Bodfish, and Betty Lou Andrews of Hawaii.

Arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Primo Anthony Pazzelli

Primo Pazzelli was born in a village in LeMarche Providence, Italy on September 14, 1910. As a young man, his father, Antonio Pazzelli, went to the United States, worked very hard and then returned to Italy and married Poalina Paccamicco. Antonio Pazzelli and his wife Poalina, along with their two small children, Susie and Primo, immigrated to the United States in 1913 when Primo was three years old. The family eventually settled in Perris Valley, California where they operated a dairy farm. After the farm was sold, the family, which now included six children, moved to North Hollywood and established a small retail grocery store and wholesale produce business. Primo attended Van Nuys High School.

In 1938 Primo started working as a laborer for Twentieth Century Fox. He worked hard and soon became a crane and dolly operator (the key grip) for famed lighting director, Leon Shamroy. Primo worked on many films, including "The King and I" and "South Pacific".

In 1956 Primo left the studio, moved to Kernville, and with his wife, Leah, started Primo's Deli. Primo and Leah divorced in 1967 and both agreed to sell the business in 1972. During his first years in Kernville, Primo worked hard to establish the Kern River Golf course, and he is a charter member of the Men's Club.

Primo enjoyed retirement. At last he had time to fish and golf and tend to his treasured garden. On October 13, 1972, he married Beth Wood of Kernville. They enjoyed traveling and entertaining friends and family at their home in Kernville.

Primo Pazzelli died November 5, 1996. He was preceded in death by his parents Poalina and Antonio Pazzelli and his sister, Susie Pantalone. He is survived by his wife, Beth; brother, Louis Pazzelli and wife, Irene; sister, Rose Fontanella and husband, Steve; sister, Yola Bruno and husband, Charles, sister, Dolly Magliocco and husband, George and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Monty W. Bencoma

At his request, no services will be held for Monty Williiam Bencoma who entered eternal rest on October 30, 1996, at a Bakersfield hospital after a lengthy battle with heart disease.

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He is survived by his wife Ruth Marie; daughters Monica Kleeman, Montana Bencoma, Michelle Bencoma, all of Weldon; son Timothy Bencoma of Onyx; and nine-month-old grandson, Cole. Monty also leaves numerous nieces and nephews plus brothers Virgil Eller of Weldon; Raymond and Donald, both of Porterville; Gary, Tracy and Nick, all of Weldon; and his sister Trudy Barraza of Bakersfield.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Lloyd Moore

A graveside service was held Friday, November 8 at Kern River Cemetery for James Lloyd Moore, 69, who entered eternal life at his residence in Lake Isabella on November 4, 1996. Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella officiated.

James was born in Bristow, Oklahoma on February 14, 1927 to Oscar and Mildred Moore. He received all of his schooling in Oklahoma and after moving to California, resided in Santa Paula for 35 years. He married Genevieve Fullerton on January 23, 1971 in Las Vegas and they moved to the Lake area. They spent 3 years in the Kernville area, and were owners of the McCambridge Lodge. They then returned to Oklahoma, settling in Shawnee and about five years ago returned to the Kern River Valley area. James worked for Safeway Food Stores as a meat cutter for 25 years. He was a great lover of the outdoors and loved to attend rodeos.

He is survived by his wife Genevieve of Lake Isabella, his mother Mildred Moore, brother Joe Moore of Phoenix, Arizona, and son Roger Dean Polly of Ventura, daughters Janice Fay Hawkins of Ventura, Tammy Moore of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Valerie Scott, Meeker, Oklahoma.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Austin Lee Eoff

Austin Lee Eoff, infant son of Richard and Kelly Eoff, died on the day of his birth, November 4, 1996 in Bakersfield, California.

Robert Clayton Tucker

A memorial service was held on Friday, November 8, 1996 at the Eagle's Lodge in Mt. Mesa, for Robert Clayton Tucker who passed away at his home in Bodfish on November 5, 1996 at the age of 46. Officiating was Don Wilson, Chaplain of Hoffman Hospice and good friend Joyce Vandenberg.

Robert was born in Los Angeles, California on July 8, 1950 to Hubert Clayton and Reta Mae Tucker. He received his schooling in Downey, graduating from Downey High School. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Ranger. After leaving the Navy he attended school in Long Beach, taking courses in electronics. He then became a technican, specializing in Copy Machines.

Robert has been a resident of the Kern Valley for ten years and we remember him as the owner of R.C. Copiers. He operated his business until his illness made it necessary for him to remain at home.

Robert is survived by his grandmother, Mary Klatt of Lake Isabella, his wife Sharon, his two daughters Sandy Tucker of Sacramento, Mary Ann Tucker of Marysville and two sons Jonathan Gordon and Zachary Gordon of Bodfish, his brother William Klatt who lives in Kansas and an aunt, Eileen Hale of Florida. His parents preceded him in death.

Robert will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jacob Robert Borman (Jake)

Funeral services were held Friday November 8, 1996 at 12:00 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Jake Borman of Lake Isabella, Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Mr. Borman was born November 6, 1916 in Barns, Kansas and passed away November 5, 1996 in Mt. Mesa, California.

He loved hunting and fishing and sports and his Angels team. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He enjoyed hearing the children in the neighborhood play. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Hazel and his brothers, Henry Borman of Kansas and Edward Borman of Indiana. His sisters, Ester Ammerman of New Jersey and Freda Osgood of Los Angeles, Ruth Nations of Lake Isabella, Gertrude Richardson of Fallbrook, Stella Austin of Kansas, Martha Anderson of Kansas, and sister-in-law and husband, Alma and Edward Baxter of Mission Viejo, California, and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Roy V. Brown

Private arrangements were made for Roy V. Brown who passed away November 6, 1996 in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Brown was born April 8, 1910 in Randolf, Texas and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He loved to fish, and said that's why he moved here. He was preceded in death by his wife Virble. He is survived by his son Ken Brown of Amarillo, Texas and daughter Dolores Stone of Plano, Texas, and 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George Mathas Stewart

Visitation was held Saturday, November 23, 1996, at 4 to 8 p.m., for George Mathas Stewart, age 68. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, 1996, at Jones Mortuary in Lakeport, California. Reverend Gerald Hosman officiated. Burial followed at Kelseyville Cemetery in Kelseyville, California, at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 25, 1996.

George was born August 6, 1928, in Story, Arkansas, and passed away at his home of 22 years in Kelseyville on November 19, 1996. Prior to living in Kelseyville, he resided for 21 years in Harbor City, California. He was employed for 27 years at Gallup Plumbing.

He enjoyed traveling and fishing. George was a member of Q.R.A. Travel Club and the Laborer's Union Local #802 in Willmington, California for 27 years.

George is survived by his wife, Roberta (Bertie) Stewart of Kelseyville, California; sons and daughters-in-law: Bruce and Leslie Stewart of Lake Isabella, California; Jerry and Nancee Stewart of Kernville, California; Bart and Cindy Stewart of Leggett, California; and Barry and Pat Kimberly of Weldon, California; daughters and sons-in-law: Brenda and Kenneth Erhardt also of Weldon; Bea and Steve Sims of San Ramon, California; Linda and Buddy Franklin of Clearlake, California; and Sharon and Fred Daniels of Brush Prairie, Washington. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law: J.C. and Katherine Stewart of Fallbrook, California; and Bob and Pat Stewart, also of Fallbrook; sisters and brothers-in-law: Lena and Les Haselwood, Lona Hoover, Luna Allen, all of Fallbrook; and Laverne and George Freeman of Ivanhoe, Texas. Other survivors include George's 23 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; his former wife, Nora Mae Hickock, of Wofford Heights, California; as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Donations may be made in George's name either to the American Cancer Society, Mary Sullivan/Memorial Chair, P.O. Box 86, Lower Lake, California 95457, or to the Hospice of Lake Co., P.O. Box 1430, Clearlake, California 95422.

Arrangements by Jones Mortuary, Lakeport, California.

Daniel H. Larsen

Daniel H. Larsen passed away at his home in Squirrel Valley at 11:30 a.m., November 16, 1996. He was born October 30, 1914 in San Francisco, California, where he had his schooling. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marines aboard an aircraft carrier as a fireman in the South Seas.

He moved to Squirrel Valley in 1983, where he built a home. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 46 years, first joining in Van Nuys, later transferring to Lodge No. 827 in Kernville. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 498, in Lake Isabella. He attended the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Lake Isabella.

Daniel is survived by his beloved Bertha and his only son, John Larsen, of San Francisco. The deceased requested no services. Cremation was by the Neptune Society in Fresno.

Glenn Edward (Bud) Malling

Glenn Edward (Bud) Malling was born in Seattle, Washington, on August 23, 1920. He entered eternal rest on November 15, 1996, at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield, at the age of 76.

Bud received his schooling in Seattle and moved to California where he worked as a Shipfitters helper before entering the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He served in the Northern Solomons and the Asian Pacific. After leaving the service, he worked as a machinist.

He was a resident of the lake area for 15 years, living in Bodfish.

Bud never married and his parents and only brother preceded him in death. However, he leaves close friends, Ottis Simmons, Robert Mott, and Marge and George McCluskey, all of Bodfish. At his request, no services will be held and inurnment will be at Riverside National Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Luther Floyd Sanger

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Luther Floyd Sanger of Lake Isabella. Luther was born September 29, 1924, in Enid, Oklahoma, and passed away in a local convalescent hospital on November 22, 1996. He was 72 years old.

Luther was a retired truck driver and a 25 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Ruth N. Sanger in 1992.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Roberta Searl of Tujunga; three grandchildren, Michael R. Martin, David M. Martin and Michelle M. Wieczorek and his sister, Irene Wysong of Woodward, Oklahoma.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Dolores Moore-Weisenberg

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 1996, for Dolores Moore-Weisenberg. Services were held at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Glendale, California, with Reverend Shay officiating. Interment followed at Murmuring Trees Forest Lawn – Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California.

Dolores was born June 30, 1914, in Pierz, Minnesota, and passed away November 17, 1996, in Glendale, California. She was a former resident of Wofford Heights, as well as Hemet, California.

Arrangements by Forest Lawn Mortuary in Hollywood Hills, California.

James D. Linton

James D. Linton, age 74, of Bruneau, died Thursday, November 14, 1996, at a military base hospital.

No local services will be held. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 17, 1996, at the Church of Christ in Ringling, Oklahoma. Burial followed at the Ringling Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

James was born September 16, 1922, in Coalgate, Oklahoma, the son of Duffy and Ada Strickland Linton.

He worked as a rancher and owned and operated Western Store in Lake Isabella, California, selling clothing, feed and vet supplies. He shod horses for the Cavalry, and retired in 1971 as a Lake Patrol Officer from the Lake Isabella Police Department.

James was a World War II veteran. He moved to Bruneau, four years ago from DeKalb, Texas.

He enjoyed breaking horses, hunting and raising game chickens.

James is survived by his wife, Roxie Linton of Bruneau; his daughter, Gerrie Alsip and her husband, Chris, of Grand View; one brother, Carol Linton; three sisters, Lillian Lawrence, Ruth Price and Lora Skinner, all of Oklahoma; two grandchildren and one great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents.

Travis Gail Jordan

Travis Gail Jordan entered eternal life on November 27, 1996, at Kern Valley Hospital. Travis was born in Hamburg, Arkansas, on August 17, 1923, to Walter and Vera Jordan. He attended grade school in Arkansas, moved to California and graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln Heights.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, Travis worked for Dodge Trophy Company and while there, he met Mary Murray, a lovely Scottish lassie and they were married on November 22, 1950. He then began a 30 year career with the County of Los Angeles as a sheet metal worker.

Travis was a member of the local Moose Lodge, loved to fish and was a devoted Christian. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, where services were held on Tuesday, December 2, 1996, by Pastor David Snow.

He was also a loving father and husband. Travis is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary; and son, Mark Jordan, of Lake Isabella. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Theron Reid Cox

Services were held on Wednesday, November 27, 1996, at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Theron Reid Cox who passed away at his home in Weldon on the morning of November 24, 1996. Pastor David Snow officiated.

He was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi, on November 16, 1912. He received his early schooling in Tupelo, and has lived in many areas of the U.S. He married Minnie Mae Harris on February 27, 1933 in Blythesville, Arkansas and they lived for 37 years in Kingsburg, California, where he worked for Del Monte Foods Co.

After living in several areas, he found the lake area to be the best and was happiest in the lake area. He particularly enjoyed walking on the vacant land near his home with his two dogs, Nick and Bobby, and until his health prevented him. He enjoyed working on old automobile engines. One of his great joys, were his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Minnie, he is survived by two sons, Kenneth of Kingsburg, and Rudy of Bakersfield; and daughter Doris of Bakersfield, along with 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gertrude Lambert

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 5, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for Gertrude Lambert of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Dr. Marvin Moon.

Mrs. Lambert was born December 31, 1904, in Tahl Harz, Germany and passed away after a long illness in Lake Isabella on November 29, 1996.

She had been a Real Estate Broker for over 50 years, in Indiana, Illinois, Oklahoma and California. She was a Real Estate Broker in the Kern River Valley when she first moved here in 1976. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Lambert is survived by her son Wally Ahlborn of Munising, Michigan; stepson Morgan Lambert of Lake Isabella; stepdaughter Grace Shanks of Escondido, California; and sisters, Helen Lankow of Illinois; Elise Robbins of Gladstone, Oregon; Charlette Beechler of El Cajon, California; Marge Wollas of Oak Harbor, Washington; and Lois Nabors of Arrow Bear, California; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Floyd Edward Carpenter

Floyd Edward Carpenter, a 15 year resident of the Kern River Valley, died Monday, December 2, 1996, at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield. He was 77.

He was born on September 30, 1919, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He worked as a lather for over 20 years.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by Frances Johnson of Lake Isabella; his daughters Cherrie Ruonavaara of Mojave, California; Mamie Markiewicz of Mesa, Arizona; sister Alice Dale of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, December 6, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Jack "Corky" Tibbetts Huston

A memorial service for Jack "Corky" Huston, age 68, will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, with the local V.F.W. conducting the ceremony.

Corky was born in Bakersfield, California, on August 27, 1928, to Jack and Carla Huston. He attended Bakersfield Schools and Pepperdine College. He was a long time resident of the Kern River Valley. He was interested in all phases of living; a talented artist, avid reader and loved sports.

He served his country during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 as 2nd Lt. in the Army. He received two purple hearts (one oak leaf cluster) and numerous other battlefield commendations. He suffered the rest of his life from injuries received during this war. He was very proud of and loved his country.

Corky is survived by his wife Carole; son Rocky of Lincoln City, Oregon; son Vince and wife Bodil of Maaloey, Norway; and granddaughter Tiffany Roxanne and a sister, Virginia Easley of Lincoln City, Oregon; his daughter, Roxanne, preceded him in death in 1984. He also leaves hundreds of friends around this valley and the country. He will be buried at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

May Hulse Greenway

A private interment was held for May Greenway, age 87, who passed away on December 7, 1996. May was born in Dallas, Texas on September 26, 1909 to George and Willa Hulse. She received her schooling in Texas and moved to the Los Angeles area where she worked as Lead Person for Weber Aircraft. She married Robert Oswald Greenway on August 28, 1978 and they resided in Northridge, California. In 1982 they moved to the lake area, settling in Bodfish.

May and Robert were active members of the Good Sam Rovers and the Clan Diggers. She was a devoted wife to Robert, who was the true love of her life.

In addition to Robert, May is survived by her sister Dixie and husband Merl Kraus of Riverkern; niece Barbara Jones of Santa Maria; one grand-nephew, two grand-nieces, a great-great-grandnephew and two great-great-grandnieces, all of whom she loved very much.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Charles C. "Chuck" Weaver

Services were held on Monday, December 16, 1996, at the Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Chuck Weaver who entered eternal rest at his home on December 11, 1996, after a long illness. The VFW conducted the service and his nephew, William Weaver, of the First Assembly of God in Lemoore, California, gave the eulogy. Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, with military honors.

Chuck was born in Poteet, Texas on December 30, 1920, to Frederick and Amanda Weaver. He received his schooling there and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1938. He married Louise Walther in Los Angeles on September 27, 1942. They and their two sons moved to Mt. Mesa in 1955 and opened a bait and tackle shop there, and later developed the Weavers Trailer Park.

He served in World War II in the Army Air Force, flying 21 missions over Germany. He was a member of the local VFW, American Legion and the B-17 Crew and Wingmen. Chuck loved the outdoors and his hobbies of fishing and hunting were shared with his sons and grandson.

In addition to his wife Louise, Chuck is survived by his son Timothy Paul "Pete" Weaver and grandson Timothy, age 9; a sister Mary Jane Moses and husband Bob of Santa Cruz; special niece Mary Elizabeth Lynch of Lake Isabella; nephews Albert and Val Lynch, and Bill Weaver; sister-in-law Sue Weaver. A son Frederick Charles predeceased Chuck in 1991. Chuck was well loved by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements made and provided by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Laura Jeanne Maeda

A graveside service was held Saturday, December 14, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Laura Jeanne Maeda of Weldon. Officiating was Father Charles Casale of St. Jude's Catholic Church of Wofford Heights.

Laura was born November 28, 1916, in Oklahoma. She died December 8, 1996, at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center. She was 80 years old. Laura was a 16-year resident of the Kern River Valley and a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She worked as a secretary for the Unisys Corp. for over 20 years.

She is survived by her nieces Donna Akiona of Westminster, California; Stephnie Clark of Washington; and nephew James Aslin of Idaho.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Bertha Mae Williamson

Memorial services for Bertha Mae Williamson, age 75, of Lake Isabella, were held on Saturday, December 14, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church officiating.

An eight-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. Williamson was born January 11, 1922 in Pasadena. She was a retired occupational therapist and served in the U.S. Army for 10 years in the Medical Specialty Corps, retiring with the rank of captain. After moving to Lake Isabella, she enjoyed taking classes at Cerro Coso College and met many wonderful friends there.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Williamson of Lake Isabella; her daughter, Linda Leo of Scottsdale, Arizona; and her sister, Elizabeth Johnson of San Pedro.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Rua Alice Collett

Graveside services for Rua Alice Collett, age 90, a former 20-year Kern River Valley resident, were held on Monday, December 16, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights with Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Collett was born June 14, 1906 in Cherokee Indian Territory before it became the state of Oklahoma. When she was eight years old, she rode with her family in a covered wagon to homestead in Nebraska. She moved to California during World War II.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margery and J.T. Ferguson of Long Beach; her son-in-law, Casey Jones of Wofford Heights; a granddaughter Peggy Smith of Yorba Linda; three grandsons, Clint Ferguson of Irvine, California; Cliff Jones of Oklahoma and Keith Jones of Tulare, as well as nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Collett was preceded in death by her husband, Norton E. Collett in 1989.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Loris C. Stoner

Funeral services for Loris C. Stoner, age 79, of Lake Isabella were held on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at 11 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Loris was born March 2, 1917, in Waseca, Minnesota to Edwin and Emma Fretham, the oldest of three daughters. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Farmer's State Bank in Waseca and the D.W. Owen Company in Minneapolis before moving to California in 1948. She married Colonel B. "Red" Stoner on October 29, 1948. They lived in Pacoima, San Fernando and then retired to Lake Isabella where Loris passed away on December 12, 1996.

Loris was an accomplished cook, loved her home and was devoted to her church. She was a member of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on August 29, 1994. Survivors include a daughter Elizabeth Spiegel of Cleburne, Texas; two sisters, Elaine Saltvold of Richfield, Minnesota and Beverly Paulson of Roseburg, Oregon; four grandchildren, Debbie Darling, Susan Singleton and Mike Turk of Arlington, Texas and Patty Hejde of Cleburne, Texas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Elinor Belle Headley

Private arrangements were made for Elinor Belle Headley who passed away December 14, 1996, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was born May 11, 1914, in Elko, Nevada and has lived in Kern County for over six years. She moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring from the grocery business. She owned and operated Elinor's Market for over 20 years. She enjoyed crocheting and making things for others.

Elinor is survived by her sons Donald Headley of Wofford Heights; Ray Headley of Alhambra; and Gene Headley of Modesto, California; also a sister, Edith Brown of Washington; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Chester "Chet" Robert Gorden

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 28, 1996, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel, for Chester Robert Gorden. Officiating will be Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 26, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, December 27, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Gorden was born in Half Way, Missouri on November 21, 1921 and passed away in Bakersfield, California, on December 19, 1996.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years and has lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 35 years. He was the owner of Chet's Garage for 30 years and was the authorized towing service for AAA for 30 years.

He is survived by his son Robert David Gorden of Guatemala; daughters, Christina Arnold of Pasadena, California; Cynthia Arnote of Los Angeles, California; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild; sister Loretta Dean of Lake Isabella; brothers, Alva Gorden of Quartz Hill; Marvin Goden of Costa Mesa; and Melvin Gorden of Pasadena, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1996

Fred H. Copeland

Fred H. Copeland, age 74, a 15-year resident of Wofford Heights died Monday, December 16, 1996, while visiting his son Sean in Carlsbad. Born July 30, 1922 in Columbus, Nebraska, he served as a 1st Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and was an aerospace engineer with the Northrop Corporation for 37 years.

His survivors include wife Evelyn M. Copeland of Wofford Heights; sons Alan and daughter-in-law Judy Copeland of Huntington Beach; Joseph Copeland of Irvine; James Copeland of Redondo Beach; Philip and daughter-in-law Sara Copeland of Vista; Sean Copeland of Carlsbad; Donald and daughter-in-law Amy Copeland of Woodland Hills; daughters Anita and son-in-law Kevin Mauch of Moore Park; Kathleen and son-in-law Tom Guy of Leucadia; brothers Richard Copeland of Whittier; Robert Copeland of Huntington Beach; sister Dorothy Lyman of Camarillo; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 1996, at Encinitas Mortuary, 340 Melrose Avenue, Encinitas. A rosary was recited at 2:45 p.m. followed by the celebration of a mass at 3 p.m., Friday, December 20, 1996, at St. John's Catholic Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas. Private inurnment will take place at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

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Bernice May Winans

Private arrangements were made for Bernice May Winans.

She was born February 23, 1916 in St. Paul, Minnesota and passed away on December 26, 1996 in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years.

Bernice is survived by her son Michael McGee of Los Osos, California; her daughters Susan Martin of Wofford Heights and Karen Sowers of Virginia; also four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward "Ed" H. Brown

Edward "Ed" H. Brown, born in Silverton, Oregon on July 20, 1921, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, December 25, 1996.

Ed loved his home, the valley and the high country. He served in the U.S. Air Corps. He will be missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Florence. Other survivors include daughters Katherine Douglass of Rosamond, California and Lynn Rolfson-Brown of Huntington Beach; sons Eric Brown of Bend, Oregon and Robin Brown of Mt. Hood, Oregon; sister Marie Scovell of Quincy, California. Ed had four grandchildren and many friends and loved ones.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ora Lee Craig

Private arrangements were made for Ora Lee Craig who passed away on December 21, 1996, in Onyx, California. There will be no services and her ashes will be scattered at sea.

Ora Lee was born November 14, 1910 in Cairo, Illinois. She moved to Los Angeles in 1944 and was employed at the San Fernando Veterans Administration Hospital as a personal secretary to the Chief of the Engineering Division. She retired in 1970 and remained in the Los Angeles area until 1978 when she moved to Onyx.

She cared deeply about the environment and wildlife. Ora Lee was an accomplished bird watcher and in her later years she made her yard into a virtual bird sanctuary.

Ora Lee made many friends in the Kern River Valley and she will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters. She is survived by her adopted family, Marie Koonce of Onyx, Linda Howe of Santa Cruz and Alyssa Howe of San Francisco.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ramon Keith Hinds, M.D.

Dr. Ramon Keith Hinds, M.D., was born October 16, 1930 in Guymon, Oklahoma and received his education in Oklahoma schools and Wentworth Military School in Missouri. He entered Tulane University Medical School and graduated. He did his residency in Kansas City, Missouri. He came to California and started his practice in Bakersfield in 1962.

He was a colonel as a medical doctor in the U.S. Air Force, and later affiliating with California Reserves. Dr. Hinds was a private pilot and was a F.F.A. Medical Examiner. He was a member of the F.O. Eagles Aerie No. 93, Frontier Days, the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 498, Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358, Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Volunteers. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason in the Guymon, Oklahoma Lodge and a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and many other civic and fraternal organizations.

Dr. Hinds is survived by his beloved wife, Dee Ann Hinds; his sons, Ramon Keith Hinds, Leo Hinds, John Hinds, Robbie Lee Hinds, Daniel Hinds and Christopher Hinds; also four stepsons, all of Bakersfield; a sister, Fern Lane, of Amarillo, Texas; two grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

At Dr. Hinds' request, there is to be no services or memorials. Cremation will be held in the Mish Funeral Home crematorium. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Eva Loretta Berg

Services were held in the Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, on Friday, December 27, 1996, for Eva Loretta Berg. She passed away at her home in Long Beach, California, on December 21, 1996, with family members at her side.

Eva was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas on August 29, 1939. She married James Allen Berg in Las Vegas, Nevada. They resided in Garden Grove, California, and together they had planned to retire to Bodfish where they owned property and would build their retirement home.

She was an upbeat, caring, loving person who took great joy in her family and especially her grandchildren. She faced her long illness with dignity and faith that she would see her loved ones again in heaven.

Eva's husband, Jim, preceded her in death on July 19, 1995. She is survived by her son, James Jr., of Lakewood; daughter Loretta of Garden Grove; nine grandchildren; her mother-in-law Eva Berg of Bodfish; brothers-in-law Edgar and William; William's wife Marcia; many nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many friends. All who knew Eva will remember her for her loyalty, faith, and loving nature. She will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Alton Lewis

Services were held at Conrad-Carroll Mortuary Chapel on Monday, January 6, 1997, at 2 p.m. for Mr. Alton Lewis of Wofford Heights, age 81. Officiating was Pastor Tracy Cook. Private inurnment followed.

Mr. Lewis was born March 18, 1915 in Mill Creek, Oklahoma, and passed away on January 1, 1997 in Oxnard, California, after a brief illness.

He served on the Oxnard Police Department from 1941 until 1950. Then he was the General Manager for the Chase Brothers Dairy for 36 years. After moving to the Kern Valley, Mr. Lewis was a volunteer worker at Camp Owen, a California youth authority. He was a Kern County resident for 20 years.

He was a life member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonary, S.J., U.S.A. and a member of the Oxnard Lodge No. 341.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his sons, Bill Lewis, and his wife, Carol, of Oxnard; Alton Lewis Jr., of his wife, Virginia, of Ventura; and Harold Lewis, and wife Alice, of Bull City, Arizona; daughter, Dolores, and husband, John Parker, of Oxnard; brother, Roy Lewis, and wife, Neva, of Camarillo; eight grandchildren, Bill Lewis II, and wife, Marie, of Port Hueneme; Bob Lewis, and wife, Leslie, of Idaho; Buddy Lewis of Camarillo; Rob Lewis of Maine; Keri, and husband, Peter Le Doux, also of Maine; John Parker of Oklahoma; Jony Parker, and wife, Christine, of Ventura; James Parker of Oxnard; also eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Conrad-Carroll Mortuary, Funeral Director.

Margaret (Isabelle) A. Boyer

Margaret Alizabeth Boyer (Isabelle), age 76, passed away on December 28, 1996. A mass was held at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 1997, and interment at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Isabelle was born in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on January 27, 1920, to Joseph and Mary Blasik. She and her husband Edward married while still in Pennsylvania and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1943. She worked during the Second World War for Douglas Aircraft as a structural technician. She and Edward moved to the lake area in 1976 from Hermosa Beach.

She enjoyed the outdoors and loved to camp out and travel until her health prevented it. Her friends will always remember her love for Bingo and hearing her yell out "Bingo!" She loved to win. She had a great sense of humor and was loved by all who knew her.

Isabella was a wonderful and loving mother to her two sons, Edward Joseph Boyer, Jr., of Washington, and Robert James Boyer, Sr., of Lake Isabella, with whom she lived; also a daughter-in-law Lorraine Boyer. She leaves 10 special grandchildren, Debra, Margaret, Maria, Teresa, Delores, Edward II, Michael, Tony, Paul and Mark, plus 15 great-grandchildren. She leaves many friends among whom are Josie Hearns, Anita Adams and Estelle. Her husband Edward Joseph Boyer, Sr., and grandson Robert Joseph, Jr., preceded her in death.

Ingram Harry Hoel

Respecting his request, no services were held for Ingram Hoel, age 79, who passed away on December 19, 1996. Ingram was born in Conger, Minnesota, on February 18, 1917, to Ingram and Marie Hoel. He completed his schooling in Minnesota and held various jobs as manager in markets.

On February 5, 1940, he married the love of his life, Elisabeth. The two of them enjoyed life and were married for 56 years. In 1954, they moved to the lake area and made their home in Kernville.

He was preceded in death by his son Jerry in 1981. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Louis Albert Bailey

Funeral services were held Friday, January 10, 1997 at 10 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church for Louis Albert Bailey of Wofford Heights. Mr. Bailey was born April 23, 1911 in Prescott, Arizona, and passed away January 6, 1997.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 10 years and a member of the Shepherd of the Hills. He loved to garden, do woodworking and was an avid fisherman.

Louis is survived by his wife of 41 years and family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Tommy Allan Harmon

Tommy Allan Harmon was born on March 11, 1954, in Bremerton, Washington. He passed away on January 6, 1997, in Kernville and is now present with the Lord. Tom grew up in Virginia and served his country in the Vietnam Conflict as a Marine. He drifted into Kernville in May of 1993, after many years of roaming the country in his van. He realized how tired he was (especially after meeting all the pretty girls at Cheryl's Diner) and decided to make Kernville his home.

In 1994, Tom made a commitment to the Lord and Pastor Jack Dilley had the privilege of baptizing him in Lanny and Cheryl Borthick's pool.

He always said, if he had ever gone anywhere else and someone asked him about Kernville, he'd say, "I met some pretty incredible people up there." We'll meet again, Tom.

The following is a letter Tom wrote and it was found after he passed away:

To All Hands,

Effective this date and time, Tom H. (wheelchair), for reasons of health, will cease all gardening at Cheryl's Diner. It's been fun most o' the time and highly enjoyable workin' with y'all. Learned a lot of plants and had great fun growing stuff, though getting eat up by the red ants warn't no fun, and I would just as well stay away from them. They kinda remind me of the big Alabama camp ants I saw back in my vodka drinkin' days. Well, anyway, it's been nice and fun and a great learning experience, not to be missed.

Thank you to the very nice owners for the kindnesses and helps, waitresses for same, cooks, dishwashers, bussers, the nice customers of whom I've found to be without peer. More gooder customers could not be found. Thank you for your many helps.

I will be "in" from time to time as a customer only. Once again, thanks to you all.

Love, Tom

P.S. Keep the ants.

10-10-96

Cora A. Langland

Cora A. Langland, age 90, died December 29, 1996 at the Vitas Hospice Center in Riverside. Cause of death was advanced senile dementia of the Alzheimer type.

A native of Roland, Iowa, she came to California with her husband in 1927. They lived in Los Angeles, Torrance and Kernville. She lived in Kernville from 1965 to 1989 in the Sierra Trailer Lodge. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Highland/San Bernardino for the past seven years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Carrie (Jondal) Quam of Roland; her husband, Willie Langland who died in 1968; a daughter, Pat McClelland Rohrer; four brothers and three sisters; and two sons-in-law, M.W. (Mac) McClelland and William Rohrer.

Mrs. Langland is survived by her daughter, Jan Larsen and her son-in-law, Rev. Robert W. Larsen of Highland; two granddaughters, Cynthia Imel of Riverside and Karen Causey and her husband, Willie, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two grandsons, Martin McClelland and his wife, Jane, of Festus (near St. Louis), Missouri, and Kelly McClelland and his wife, Pat, of Las Vegas, Nevada; four great-grandchildren, Wesley and Allison McClelland of Festus, and Thomas (TK) and Laci Causey of Idaho Falls; and many nephews and nieces including Judy Saxby of Elk Grove, California.

A lifelong Lutheran, she was an active member of Messiah Lutheran, Los Angeles; Shepherd of the Hills, Lake Isabella, and Grace, Glen Avon/Riverside.

A private graveside service for family members was conducted by her son-in-law on Friday, January 3, 1997, at the Ingelwood Park Cemetery with McNearney's Mortuary of Rialto directing.

Memorials may be sent to her church: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, P.O. Box "F", Lake Isabella, California 93240.

Harry L. Martin

Harry L. Martin of Squirrel Valley, age 80, passed away on January 5, 1997, at Kern Valley Hospital. He was born on July 4, 1915, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lucille; and daughters Jacqueline Millar of Sacramento, California; Janet (Mrs. Armando) Hernandez of Bakersfield; and Joyce (Mrs. Joseph) Kouba of Reston, Virginia. Also surviving are his grandchildren Sharon and Stuart Millar; Lisa Chavez; Armando Hernandez, Jr.; and Derek Tiffany.

A career postal employee, he retired and moved to the Kern Valley in 1970.

At his request, no viewing or formal service will be held. His family will cherish his love and memory forever.

The family deeply appreciates the assistance of the unknown motorist who summoned paramedics; the professional care of CARE Ambulance personnel; the hospital E.R. staff; and the compassion of Auxilian Jo Ann Fitting.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Joseph Rhodes

Services for Mr. Rhodes were held January 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the Magnolia Baptist Church in Anaheim, California. He passed away December 30, 1996 at his home in Anaheim after four months battle with cancer.

Joe was born September 29, 1928 in Hornbeck, Tennessee. He married Wanda Gettings of Hayti, Missouri on March 16, 1951 and later moved to Southern California where they began to fulfill their dreams. After several years of owning service stations and related work, they started Joe Rhodes Maintenance Company which is still operated by his family.

He discovered the beauty of the Kern River Valley 40 years ago and made this his second home, owning property here. He loved fishing on the Kern River and in the lake. Joe made many friends here in the valley. Joe's love of God, his family and the Kern Valley will be forever.

Joe leaves his loving wife, Wanda, of 46 years; and four children, sons Joe, Jr. and Ron, and daughters Linda Steed, Sherry Sharrett; seven grandchildren; one brother Wayne and sister Sherma Lewis.

The people of Kern Valley who lives you touched will miss you forever, Joe Rhodes. Rest in peace in paradise.

Lois R. Hicks

Memorial services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lois Roberta Hicks, age 68, of Bodfish. Interment services were held on Friday, January 3, 1997, in the Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes. She was born November 20, 1928, in Duluth, Minnesota and passed away on January 7, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

Lois has been a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1988. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo, making crafts, country music, fishing with her friends and trips to Yerington, Nevada.

She was married to Frank Hicks in 1946, he preceded her in death in 1971.

Lois is survived by her daughters, Linda Miller of Bodfish; Ida Borden of Whittier, California; and Sherie Lewis of Lancaster, California; nine sisters, Marge, June, Beverly, Diane, Jackie, Jean, Myrtle, Marian and Gladys; three brothers, Dennis, Noel and Jerry; five grandchildren, Larry, Steven, Paul, Denise and Tina, as well as five great-grandchildren. Lois will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Concetta "Connie" Frances Ponticello

Concetta "Connie" Frances Ponticello, also known as the Goody Lady, passed away January 9, 1997, at the age of 64.

Mrs. Ponticello is survived by Nick L. Roghair, a companion of 14 years; one son, Albert Barlow; three daughters, Diane Barlow, Andrea Noot, Patricia Roghair; seven grandchildren; and one brother Harry Ponticello. Mrs. Ponticello was preceded in death by one son, John Barlow, and one brother, Andy Ponticello.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 16, 1997, at 1 p.m. at the New Hope Community Church. Interment will follow at Joshua Memorial Park.

Halley Olsen Funeral Chapel, Lancaster Directors.

Pearl Grace Keith

Pearl Grace Keith passed away in Merced, California, on January 14, 1997.

She moved to Wofford Heights in 1983 from the San Fernando Valley. She was a past president of the Ladies of the Elks and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Pearl was predeceased by her husband, Floyd Keith. She was loved and will be missed by her daughter, Gloria Blessing, of Mariposa, California; her grandson, Dennis Blessing Jr. and family, also of Mariposa; and her brother, Roy; sisters, Eleanor and Billie, all of Massachusetts.

No services are planned. Following cremation, Pearl will be placed next to her husband at the Los Angeles Veterans Cemetery.

Margaret Genevieve Barber

A Mass for Christian burial was held Friday January 24, 1997 at 10:00am at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Margaret Genevieve Barber of Weldon. Officating was Rev/ Father Charles Casale. Interment at KRV Cemetery. Mrs. Barber was born March 19, 1930 in Grand Island, Nebraska and passed away January 20, 1997 in Weldon, California. She was a resident of Weldon for the past 20 years. She retired from China Lake Naval Weapons after 14 years. She was known for her great sense of humor and she loved her family. She is survived by her husband, Thomas of Weldon and her daughters, Sandra Bokich of Bakersfield, Virginia Frenes of Weldon and Barbara Brennen of Washington, DC and her brother, Francis Mcmanaman of Oregon and 4 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward George Loebrich, Jr.

Memorial services for Edward George Loebrich, Jr., 81, of Wofford Heights were held on Tuesday, January 28 at the Elk's Lodge, B.P.O.E. #3156 in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella and Officers of B.P.O.E. #3156. Ed was born on August 17, 1915 and passed away on January 23, 1997 in a Bakersfield hospital. Ed has resided in Wofford Heights since 1983 after retiring with 30 years of service with Bethlehem Steel in Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved daughter, Carol Loebrich Sangster. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Elvire "Vi" Loebrich and 2 granddaughters, Dana Yasin of Lake Isabella and Deanne Lee of Independence and 2 great-grandchildren, Jessica Jean Yasin and Dustin John Lee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 306 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clayton Howard (Choppy) Gryde

Clayton Howard "Choppy" Gryde was born on August 17, 1914, in Saskatchewan, Canada to his parents Alfred Gryde and Tilda Carolyn Gryde of North Dakota. Clayton later moved to the United States in 1928. He began working for Southern Pacific Railroad in 1935. He progressed through the ranks and became a railroad engineer. On January 12, 1946, Clayton married Louise Frances Young in Los Angeles, California The two then made their home on Olancha Drive, Los Angeles near Highland Park. Clayton and Louise were blessed with two children, Gregory Howard and Tamara Ann. Clayton retired from Southern Pacific Railroad in 1975, where he had worked for 40 years. In 1976, Clayton and Louise moved to the Lake Isabella area where they have resided ever since. On January 14, 1997, Clayton Howard Gryde passed away and entered eternal life. Services were held for Clayton on Saturday, January 18th, 1997 at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Deryl Lackey officiated at both the church service and at the graveside service held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, where Clayton was interred following the church service. Clayton is survived by his wife of 51 years, Louise Frances Gryde, his son Gregory Howard Gryde of Los Angeles and his daughter Tamara Ann Soss of Los Angeles. He also is survived by his grandchildren, Brandon Gryde, Brianne Gryde, Jeff White and Arend White. Clayton also has surviving sisters, Agnes, Gladys, Evelyn, Florence, and Rodna, and a surviving brother, Theodore Alfred Gryde. Clayton will be missed by all those who loved him and by all those of whose lives he had touched and influenced in a positive way through the years. Funeral arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Michael Thomas Schwass

Funeral services for Michael Thomas Schwass, 29, were held on Saturday, February 1, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating were Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Baptist Church and Pastor George Vazquez. Interment followed with full military honors at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Michael was born January 26, 1968, in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and passed away on January 27, 1997 in Temple, Texas, while on leave from the 52nd Aviation Regiment in Korea. Michael grew up and attended schools here in the Kern River Valley and after graduation from Kern Valley High School in 1986, enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for the past 11 years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Michael had also served with the 1st Air Calvary. His military awards include the Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Non-Commissioned Officer Personnel Development Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal with 2 stars, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Expert Rifleman (M-16) Award, Expert Hand Grenade Award, Driver-Mechanical Badge and Senior Air Crewmember Badge.

Michael is survived by his parents, Tom and Linda Schwass of Lake Isabella; his wife and son, Kristine and Cody Thomas Schwass of Copperas, Texas; his sister, Tracey Greek of Menifee, California; his brother, Chris Schwass of Clovis; paternal grandparents, Walter and Charlotte Schwass of Wofford Heights; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Margaret Daffron of Lomita and numerous other relatives and friends. Local arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Gene L. Wokal

Gene L. Wokal passed away January 25, 1997, after a brief illness. He was 80 years old.

Gene Wokal was born December 13, 1916, in Cuba, Kansas. He moved to California with his family when he was a child. In 1941, he married Martha Pritchard, and they were very happily married until her death in 1995. During World War II he was a pilot in the Army Air Corps. In 1952 he joined the Compton Police Department, and worked for many years as a juvenile officer and watch commander before retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1973.

He is survived by his daughter, Genel; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Jo and Loyd Merry, Doris and Robert Pruett, Clifford and Betty Prichard, and Betty Noble Pritchard; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was a very special person, and those who knew and loved him will miss him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Steven David Horgan

Steven David Horgan, age 44, a resident of Wofford Heights died January 25, 1997. He is survived by his mother, Georgia Cagle of Lake Isabella; a son, Bobby Horgan, of Corona, California; sisters, Donna Carlos of Washington State, and Billie Lofty of Lake Isabella; a brother, Bill Smith, Jr. of Los Vegas, Nevada; two grandchildren, Johnathan and Austin Horgan of Corona, California.

Services will be held on Wed. January 29, at 12 noon at McAulay & Wallace Fullerton Mortuary chapel.

Patricia A. Deaver

Patricia A. Deaver passed away January 20, 1997, in Oceanside, California, after five months of illness with cancer. Patricia is survived by her mother, Wanda R. Deaver and a sister, Shirley J. Deaver of Lake Isabella.

Pat also leaves a son, Michael Ray Bohon of Atlanta, Georgia and a daughter, Michelle and a two year old grandson, Austin, in Oceanside, California.

She is also survived by aunts Jenny Cluff and Helen Deaver of Mangum, Oklahoma. Also several nieces and cousins in different states and a host of friends in California and other states. Pat's dad, Loy E. Danny Deaver preceded her in death in September, 1991. Pat was born in Granite, Oklahoma in 1943 and moved with her parents to California in 1956. Pat attended schools in Tipton and Manitori in Oklahoma before moving to Southgate, California, where she attended schools and graduated from Dominques High in Lynwood, California and Cerritos College. Pat obeyed Gospel and was Baptized into Christ at the age of fourteen. Pat had so much love to give for every one of her friends and loved her family very much. She never had an enemy in her life. Everyone loved her and she will be greatly missed by all and especially her family.

She had a great love for sports and especially basketball in which she excelled. Funeral services were held in the Church of Christ in Vista, California, on January 25th with Brother Macs Brooks as the presiding Minister.

Jessie M. Shores

Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 30th, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Jessie Shores who passed away at her home in Weldon. She was a resident in the valley for the last eight years. She was born on January 13, 1908 in Salisbury, Missouri, to Wade Hood and Idella Hunsaker.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilber Shores in 1980, also by one brother and three sisters. She is survived by her son and his wife, Larry and Marsha Shores, four grandchildren (Brian, Shelly, Jeff, and Jolene), and by four great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Carlos Rivera

Carlos Rivera, age 73, passed away Monday, January 27, 1997, of lung cancer. In addition to his wife, Celia, of 49 years, he is survived by eight children, twenty grandchildren and three great grandchildren. After being a "smoker" for many, many years, he encouraged all those around him not to smoke.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel of Turner, Stevens and Edwards, 926 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena.

Charles Roy Watson

Charles Roy Watson was born on May 11, 1905. He resided in the Los Angeles area where he worked as a machinist. After 50 years of service in the field, he retired. In 1970, Charles moved to the Kern River Valley area, where he has happily resided in Onyx for the past 27 years amongst his family, many friends, and neighbors.

On January 21, 1997, Charles Roy Watson passed away at his home. He is survived by his sons, Charles R. Watson Jr. and his wife Teri of Bella Vista, California, and James Watson and wife Merlene of Sun Valley, California. He is also survived by one grandson, Charles R. Watson III, and by three sisters and by two brothers. Charles will be greatly missed by all those of whom he cared for and by all those who loved him dearly. We will miss you Charlie! Services were handled by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Nathanial Stringer

On January 3, 1997, Paul Nathanial Stringer passed away at his residence in Kernville, California. Funeral services were held on January 5, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, with Mr. Bud May of Kernville officiating. During the service, many friends and family members gave testimony to the strength, inspiration and goodheartedness of Paul Stringer, a resident of the Kern River Valley for years.

On February 11, 1916, Paul was born to his parents Charles and Jessy in Dallas, Texas. Paul later moved to California, residing in the San Fernando Valley where he worked as a technical painter by trade, and as a handyman on the side. He later moved to the Kern River Valley in the early 80's and became well known in his community. Paul received special recognition from the U.S. Forest Service for volunteering over 6000 hours of his time in their service. He also did volunteer work for the County Parks Department, and self-appointed volunteer work, in the field of weeding, all over Kernville. He was also very proud to have his name inscribed on the Bronze marker erected directly in front of the Fire Department in Kernville as a tribute to those who participated in the "Adopt-A-Tree" program organized by the chamber of commerce. Paul, in his humble way, has left his mark on the town of Kernville.

Paul is survived by his brothers David Stringer of Porterville, California; Daniel Stringer of Spokane, Washington; Joseph Stringer of Tule Lake, California; and Benni Stringer of Hebo, Oregon. His surviving sisters include Vashti Williams of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Debra Hall of Fresno, California; and Alpha Ruth Glenn of Klamath Falls, Oregon. His sister Pauline Stacy preceded him in passing. Paul said recently that he had seven friends and would hold up seven fingers as he named them ... Linda Collins and John Kuttig, Tina Cargile, George and Lou Donoho, and Bud and Janet May his life-long friends. Paul will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert J. Boyer

Services were held for Robert J. Boyer, who passed away on February 3, 1997. The service took place at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 8, 1997, with Father Charles Casale officiating. Following the service, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, the V.F.W. conducted a memorial with full military honors.

Robert was born on July 31, 1940 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Margaret Boyer. He finished his schooling in Pennsylvania, and later moved to California where he worked at Hughes Aircraft. He was employed as a satellite technician, a position he held for over 20 years. He retired in 1996, and stayed in Southlake, where he resided.

Robert leaves behind his brother Edward Joseph Boyer Jr. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Jr., and his mother and father, Margaret and Edward. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Sidney Earl McCollum

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Sidney Earl McCollum, age 74, of Kernville. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated. Born March 8, 1922, in Meridian, Mississippi, Sidney had been a 31-year Kern River Valley resident. He had worked for Southern California Edison for 33 years. Sidney was a World War II Army veteran and the recipient of the Victory Medal, the American Theater Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Before her death in 1988, Sidney and his wife of 43 years, Gladys enjoyed trips to Morro Bay. He also built a 4-unit rental property in Kernville and enjoyed taking care of this property after his retirement. Sidney is survived by his daughter, Sharon McCollum, the Onyx Postmaster, and his sister, Metter Lee Eddy of Carthage, Mississippi.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Grady Lloyd Haws

Memorial services were held Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God in Lake Isabella for Grady Lloyd Haws. Officiating was Pastor Frances Edge. Mr. Haws was born April 7, 1934 in Lincoln, Arkansas, and passed away February 1, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella after a long illness.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past seven years and a volunteer in the Older Americans Program with the forestry service for the past six years. He was a member of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God. He also loved to fish.

Grady is survived by his wife of 31 years Billie Haws of Lake Isabella; his son and daughter-in-law Eric and LeAnn Haws of Pleasant Hope, Missouri; and four grandchildren, Joshua, Nathan, Daniel and Mariah. Also his sister, Jewelledean Jones of Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Grady's name to the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God, 3730 Wagon Wheel, Lake Isabella, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Howard Underwood

Graveside services for Jack Howard Underwood were held on February 13, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Mr. Underwood passed away at his residence on February 9, 1997, in Havilah, California.

He was born on March 1, 1921 in McLean, Illinois to Floyd and Emma Underwood. At the onset of World War II, Jack entered the United States Army Air Corps, 9th Air Force Division, in support of his country. He faithfully served in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, earning in his career several awards which included the Silver Battle Star Ribbon and the first and second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster medalions. During his service time, he met June Wookey and they married on June 5, 1942, in Pekin, Illinois. At the end of the war, Jack began working as an aircraft and powerplant mechanic for United Airlines. He retired in 1980 and then he and his wife then moved to the Kern River Valley, residing in the Bodfish-Havilah area.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, June Underwood; and three children. A son, Dave Underwood and his wife Brenda, of Redondo Beach, California; another son, Stephen Underwood and his wife Rita of Vancouver, Washington; and his daughter, Laurie Sharr and her husband Weldon Sharr of Bodfish, California. Also by his grandchildren, Shaun Kennedy of Bridgewater, New Jersey; Russell Underwood of Long Beach, California; Elena Robles of Redondo Beach, California; Christopher, Marion and Rachel Underwood of Vancouver, Washington. And by two great-grandchildren, Brett Austin Kennedy and Brittany Nicole Kennedy of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Kathleen Majorie Hetrick

Kathleen was born on June 4, 1920 in Tacoma, Washington, to Emerson and Maude Miller. She first moved to Kernville from Ridgecrest with her two sons in the early 1960's and was one of the early families who helped to start the Episcopal church. After a short while, she moved back to Ridgecrest where she worked as an office manager. She met Mike Hetrick and they were married on August 18, 1970. They moved back to Kernville in December 1970 and commuted to Ridgecrest until she retired in 1985. After a lengthy illness, she passed away at home on February 8, 1997.

She enjoyed being a part of the Order of the Eastern Star and served in various points. Services were held in the Masonic Lodge in Kernville on Tuesday, February 11, 1997.

Kathy is survived by Mike, her husband of 26 years; her sons, Charles Harkness, Sr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Sean Harkness of Newport Beach, California; her grandson Charles Harkness, Jr. and his wife, Dawn and their child, Kathy's great-granddaughter, Christian Lee. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Mike's son Michael Dean Hetrick, his wife Anna and three grandchildren, Michael David, Ashely and Kalynn; and Mike's daughter, Karen, of Sacramento.

She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Lillie Ann Blomgren

Lillie Ann Blomgren passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on February 5, 1997, at the age of 98. She had been in poor health since suffering a broken hip two years ago. Known to all her friends simply as "Lillie Ann," she was born in Semour Illinois, in 1898 and lived most of her life in Ottumwa, Iowa, before moving to the Kern River Valley in 1961. She is survived by her son, Richard, a local businessman.

Many local sportsmen and women will well remember her as the manager of Lake Isabella Boat & Trailer Storage, a business her son established in 1957. Plagued by poor managers, Lillie Ann came to Dick's rescue by moving to the Kern River Valley and taking over management of the RV storage business. Her personality and friendliness resulted in the RV storage lot being transformed into a booming business. When the business was sold in 1980, she retired to a new home in the Lakeland Estates. Due to declining health, she became a resident of the Kern Valley Nursing Center three years ago.

Lillie Ann will be laid to rest alongside her mother at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Funeral arranements conducted by Valley Mortuary.

Clara "Ethel" Allen

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Clara Ethel Allen. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Clara was born June 10, 1915 in Bronte, Texas, and passed away February 12, 1997, in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 29 years, she and her husband moved here after retiring. She was a beautician for 31 years and owned her own beauty salons. She was a member of the Eagles and loved fishing and camping.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles, of Bodfish; and 2 sons, Malcolm Allen of Hollywood, California, and James Edmond Allen of Anaheim, California; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sally Chacon

A memorial service will be held Thursday evening at 5 p.m., February 20, 1997, in Corona, California, for Sally Chacon, wife of Philip Chacon, who were residents of Onyx. They were active in Kern River Valley and moved to Nuevo, California, after they left Onyx.

Sally was born on October 16, 1913, in Durango. She is survived by seven grandchildren; her twin daughters, Barbara Whittier of Corona, California, and Louise Shrier, who now resides in Washington. She was very loved by her friends all throughout her life, as she extended a kindness to everyone around her. Her friends in Onyx like Marjorie Rothbauer, Barbara Scrogham, Betty Owens and many more lovely friends in Onyx, whom her daughter couldn't recall their names, but the family in California wish to extend their sincere thanks to all of you that were in any way connected with Phil and Sally.

Mary Frances Eskew

Private arrangements were made for Mary Frances Eskew of Lake Isabella, California. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mary was born June 15, 1917 in Shelbyville, Indiana and passed away February 18, 1997 in Lake Isabella. She moved to the Kern River Valley after her husband Floyd retired in 1974. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981.

She was a member of the South Fork Womens Club and enjoyed her crafts and gardening. Also, she loved Bingo and taking trips to Laughlin with the club.

Mary is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Gene and JoAnn Eskew of Lake Isabella; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Dennis, of Reseda, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lucille Muxlow

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Lucille Hannah Muxlow, age 83, of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow and interment was in the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

An 11-year Kern Valley resident, Mrs. Muxlow was born on January 30, 1914 in Phillips, Colorado, and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on February 14, 1997. Lucille was an active and faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella where she sang in the choir and served as the treasurer of the American Baptist Women's Association. Lucille loved people and was proud of her home and enjoyed taking care of it.

Survivors include her husband, Pat Muxlow of Lake Isabella; two sons, Edward Stapp of Anaheim and Gary Stapp of Corona; a daughter, Peggy Sekelik of Lake Isabella; stepchildren, David Muxlow of Burbank and Darlene Wimer of Washington, D.C.; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lucille's memory may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Erma Christine Depew

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Erma Christine Depew. Mrs. Depew was born October 14, 1906 in Glassco, Kansas and passed away February 28, 1997 in Bakersfield, California. She was 90 years of age and had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years.

Mrs. Depew was preceded in death by her husband, Kent, in 1995. She is survived by her grandson Mike Depew of Eureka, California; granddaughter Kris Depew of Lake Isabella; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Mabry, of Tulare, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thelma Nadine Hedges

Graveside services were held Friday, February 28, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Thelma Nadine Hedges of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Hedges was born September 8, 1916, in Holden, Missouri, and passed away February 22, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

She loved to sew and read and she was devoted to her daughter, Judy.

Mrs. Hedges is survived by her husband of 62 years, Walter Hedges; daughter, Judy, of Lake Isabella; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Bonnie Hedges, of Riverside, California; and John and Karen Hedges of Weldon; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edith J. Malone

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edith J. Malone, 58, of Wofford Heights. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1997. Edith was a member of the Apalatea family, Kern River Valley pioneers. She was born in Bakersfield on February 18, 1939, and passed away at her home on February 24, 1997.

Edith attended schools in the Kern River Valley and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. She had also worked for the International Red Cross and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. before moving to Los Angeles where she served as vice-president of California Federal Savings.

She returned to the Kern River Valley in 1987 and worked for the Kern River Valley Water Company, formerly Dominguez and Arden Water Companies. She retired in September 1996 due to ill health. Edith also served on the Board of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group.

Survivors include her mother, Marie Apalatea Malone, of Kernville; three sisters, Clara Anderson of Kernville; Patricia Henry of Wyoming; and Dorothy Denson of Bakersfield; five brothers, Harvey Malone of Kernville; Willard Malone of Wofford Heights; Stanley Malone of Upland, California; Loren Malone of Kernville; and Boyd Malone of Ridgecrest; her companion, Marge Elefante, of Wofford Heights; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Ray Malone and a sister, Joyce Crofton.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Billie Strain

On February 27, 1997, Billie Strain, 70, passed away at her residence in Lake Isabella. Billie was born on January 24, 1927, in Dillon, Montana, to her parents, Arthur and Pauline McAlpin.

After living in Montana for several years, she moved to East Palatka, Florida. There she worked as a Managing Field Representative for the Moran Meat Company. In 1992, she moved to the Kern River Valley area and made her home in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her son, Bob Blevins, and wife Nancy of East Palatka, Florida; two granddaughters, Stacey Baldwin and her children, Alex Rodriguez, AJ Baldwin, and Krystal Baldwin; Billie Blevings with her daughter, Courtney Page Blevins; many nieces and nephews, including Louise and Henry Elbrest of Helena, Montana, and their children. Billie is also survived by a sister, Ruth Harris, of Long Beach, California; as well as a very special friend, JoAnn John of Lake Isabella.

Of all the things that were mentioned most about Billie was her loving devotion to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Martha Clark Petersen

On February 19, 1997, Martha Clark Petersen, 74, of Onyx passed away in Mountain Mesa, California. Martha was born on May 26, 1922, in Salem, Oregon, to her parents Frank Bates Clark and Mollie Belle Thornbrye.

Martha was inducted into the United States Navy on July 16, 1943, and served her country faithfully until the end of World War II, where she received an honorable discharge in December of 1945. She attended college and later worked for Orange County Social Services as a case worker.

She met and married the love of her life, Donald Richard Petersen. Nearly nine years ago, Martha and her family moved to the Kern River Valley area and settled down in Onyx. She was very active with her family and friends.

Martha is survived by her husband Donald Petersen of Onyx; her daughter, Carolyn Suzanne Petersen and her grandson, Kelley Richard Petersen, both of the Kern River Valley. She is also survived by two brothers, David Clark, and his wife, Linda, of Sacramento, California; and Robert Clark of Orange County, California.

Martha will be missed by all those who loved her and by all those of whom she loved.

Services were arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Hazel Colleen McEwen

On February 20, 1997, Hazel Colleen McEwen, age 68, passed away at her residence in Weldon. Hazel was born on September 5,1928, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to her parents, Arthur Davis and Edna May Easley. She completed her schooling in Missouri and then moved to the Los Angeles area. She worked in the accounting industry at various companies as a company controller. During that time, she met and fell in love with Richard McEwen. Not too long after, they were married in Los Angeles on June 16, 1944. Hazel moved to the valley and had been a resident of Weldon for over 20 years.

She leaves behind two daughters, Christina and her husband Bob Vess of Weldon; and Jinie Wood of San Diego, California. She also leaves three sisters, Velma Pratt of Utah; Nancy Nichols of Lone Pine, California; and Billie of Palm Desert, California; six grandchildren, Aaron Pulido, Lisa Hudnall, Bobby G. Vess Jr., Stephanie Wood, Samantha Wood, and Kathleen Wood, along with eight great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed and forever loved by all whose lives she touched in her own special way.

The following is a tribute to Hazel from one of her grandchildren:

"On Saturday, I rushed around all afternoon getting ready to come home. I finally had some time to relax on the plane and began to think about everything my grandmother meant to me. I remember her being strong-willed and independent. She raised her own family; and then raised my sister and me, for the most part. She had not only the responsibility of raising two of her grandchildren, but also of caring for her husband, who was physically disabled. She accepted these responsibilities without complaint and was devoted to caring for all of us. She taught me the basics to live by: Respect your elders, treat people as you would like them to treat you, always do your best.

"She taught me how to read before I ever started school. She taught me the importance of education and instilled in me an intense curiosity about the world around me. The gifts she gave to me are priceless and I hope to pass them along to my own chldren someday. She was mother, teacher, counselor, and friend. She was all these things and more, to me and to all the other people she touched in her life."

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gerard F. Passarelli

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date for Gerard Francis "Rod" Passarelli, 70, of Weldon. Mr. Passarelli was born June 16, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York, and passed away on March 2, 1997, in a Bakersfield hospital.

He moved to Santa Monica in 1936 and served with the U.S. Navy on LST's in the Pacific from 1943-1946. After World War II, he worked as a mechanic and was involved in the early days of drag racing in Southern California, including racing at the Dry Lakes which are part of Edwards Air Force Base, and was also involved in the construction of the San Fernando Drag Strip. Rod worked for Galpin Ford from 1957 until the early 1970's as an air conditioning and electrical specialist.

His hobbies included model trains, repairing electronics, and Nascar Racing (Ford teams, naturally!). He was a member of the pit crew for Galpin Ford's Racing Team in the early 60's, working on cars driven by Don Noel and Ron Hornaday, Sr.

Rod moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980 and served on the Board of Directors at Valley Estates Water Company.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marion L. Passarelli, of Weldon; granddaughters, Alicia of Bakersfield, California, and Jennifer of Mesa, Arizona; sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Gordon Taylor of Canyon Lake, California; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Doris Higgins of Oceanside, California; sister-in-law, Virginia Higgins of Santa Rosa, California; nephew, Tom Taylor, of Kernville; nieces Chris Brower of Santa Rosa and April of Oceanside, as well as many friends and acquaintances.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rod's memory to the American Heart Association, 404 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements under the direction of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Mary Ann Hill

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 11:00 AM at the Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville, California for Mary Ann Hill. Officiating was the Eastern Star Funeral Team and Sandy Mathieu-Worthy Matron. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mary Ann was born October 6, 1911, in Buffalo, New York, and passed away March 3, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a long illness. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 28 years. She worked as a tailor and seamstress for over 50 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Carson of Wofford Heights; and two sisters, Mimie Galiglio of Long Beach and Adlean Rodgers of San Diego; and two grandsons, Joseph and Scott; and one great-grandchild, Joshua.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin "Mel" Richard Minor

Long time Kern Valley resi dent, Melvin "Mel" Richard Mi nor, passed away from a hear attack at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 1997. Services will be held for him at Valley Mortuary at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 1997. Mel's brother, Dr. James F. Minor, will officiate. A wake is to follow the services at Mel-O-Dee's Fashions.

Mel, along with his wife Dee, owned Mel-O-Dee's Fashions and Mel's Limo Service. They also owned and operated Northridge Electric.

Survivors include Mel's wife, Dee Minor, along with five sons and 14 grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association.

Reba C. Landrum

Graveside services for Reba Charlene Landrum, 57, of Weldon, were held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Mike Splawn of the Kern River Valley Christian Church officiated. A 17 year Kern River Valley resident, Reba was born January 7, 1940 in Olney, Illinois, and moved to California in 1957 from Arkansas. She enjoyed camping and fishing, crocheting and making blankets. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a nurses aide. Reba is survived by her husband, Thomas Landrum of Weldon; son, Tim Landrum of Riverbank; daughters, Debra Austin of Modesto and Sarah Beth Landrum of Weldon; sisters, Jeannie Poindexter of Loomis and Betty Laubenstein of Stockton; brother, Harley Plumlee of Yellville, Arkansas; grandchildren, Amanda and Donnie Austin and Christine, Curt and Courtnie Landrum as well as many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Romero Simon Martinet

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 20, 1997 at 11:00 AM at the Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Romero Simon Martinet. Romero was born February 11, 1913 in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and passed away March 8, 1997 in Lancaster, California. He was 84 years of age. Romero was a retired painter for the Los Angeles Unified School District and a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 21 years. He was a member of the Elks and the Moose. He loved fishing and called Bingo at the Elks. He also liked traveling with the Elk Wheels.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth Martinet of Colorado; his brother Elmo J. Martinet of Wofford Heights; sisters, Maude Barr and Wanda Gerry, both of Wofford Heights; sister Louise Mayfield of Texas; his companion Melba Taylor of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin (Mel) Richard Minor

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 11:00 AM at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mel Minor who passed away Saturday, March 8, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California. Mel was born April 20, 1931 in Columbus, Ohio to John Oregon and Violet Denman Minor. Mel recently retired from the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, a job he enjoyed. He served in the Marine Corps in the early 1950's. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Exchange Club. He was a licensed electrician. Melvin was a ready helper to any who needed his assistance. His interests were wide, including such things as stock car racing, water sports, and working on old vehicles. He had a tremendous sense of humor. The community will miss his active presence.

He is survived by his wife Dee; five sons, Melvin Wayne, Ricky, John, Robert, and James; a brother, James F. of Kansas City, Missouri; a sister, Betty Wolford of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and countless friends. His brother Dr. James F. Minor will be officiating the service.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Marshall DeVicariis

Graveside services were held Monday, March 17, 1997 at 1:00 PM at Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Marshall DeVicariis, who passed away Tuesday, March 11, 1997 in Bodfish, California. John was born May 24, 1961 in Northridge, California and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 21 years. John loved H.O. Trains and Quad running and camping. He was a loving father, son, and friend.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Carroll and grandmother, Maxine Carroll, both of Bodfish; his father, Louis DeVicariis, of San Fernando; his son John Lee DeVicariis of Bodfish; sister and brother-in-law Tammy and Sam Feemster of Bodfish; nephew John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish; and brother, Louis DeVicariis Jr. of Colorado. He will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Eva Amsk

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa for Margaret Eva Amsk, 74, of Lake Isabella. Pastor Gary Nichols officiated and interment followed at the Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest. A 49 year area resident, Mrs. Amsk was born January 13, 1923 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and went to be with her Lord on March 7, 1997 at a Bakersfield hospital after a brief illness. Eva was a devoted Christian and a student of the Bible. She was an active member of the Full Gospel Fellowship, loved music and dearly loved being a homemaker, a mother and an example to her 11 children. Eva is survived by her husband of 12 years, Arthur W. Amsk of Lake Isabella; her sons, Wanye Beck, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and David and Mark Beck, both of Springdale, Arkansas, and son, Allyn Amsk; her daughters, Margaret McGovern of Henderson, Nevada, Laura Lile of Ridgecrest, Paula Cooper of Medford, Oregon, Joanna Lewis of Tempe, Arizona, Rosemary Keeton of Canton, Ohio, Christina Gupton of Springdale, Arkansas, and Priscilla Wheatley and Drucilla Martin, both of Lake Isabella; her brothers, Donald and Russell Turner, both of Springdale, Arkansas, 32 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Eva will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Floyd A. Johnson

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 14, 1997 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Floyd Albert Johnson, 72, of Bodfish. Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella and V.F.W. Post #7665 officiated. As a 17 year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Johnson was born January 6, 1925 in Gorman, South Dakota and passed away at his winter home in Apache Junction, Arizona on March 9, 1997. He was a retired contractor having owned a heavy equipment operating business for 15 years prior to his retirement. Floyd worked hard but also enjoyed life to the fullest extent. He was a good husband, father and grandpa.

Floyd was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma in 1991. Survivors include his wife of 4 1/2 years, Marie, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, Apache Junction, Arizona, and Bodfish; son, Rick Johnson of North Hollywood; son and daughter-in-law, Floyd and Deborah Johnson of Granada Hills; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Paul Taylor of Minden, Nevada; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Yvonne Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Bonnie Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Paul DeBerg of Watertown, South Dakota.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Ellen Jayne Sawyer

A funeral services was conducted Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Ellen Jayne Sawyer of Lake Isabella, by Pastor Floyd R. Castillo. Ellen Jayne Sawyer was born on July 29, 1919, in Reno, Nevada to Clifford B. Foltz and Edith Holland. She grew up in Sparks, Nevada, later moving to Southern California where she completed high school. She earned her degree from UCLA. On October 19, 1963, she married Addison Sawyer, a widower whom she had met while at UCLA. Her life really began with Addison. They did everything together for the next 25 years. They sailed their boat, and they traveled all over the world. Their favorite sailing trips were to Catalina, where they had a mooring in Howland's Landing, and down to Mexico, either with friends with their boats, or by themselves. They also traveled in the inland waterways of Europe, starting out in France, and ending up in the middle of the continent. When Addison died in 1987, Ellen came to live in the Kern Valley with her son, Richard Brun. She enjoyed the arts and classical music, making many trips to Bakersfield to attend the concerts with her many friends. Her first love was bridge, and she played as often as she could. She was the prime mover behind the Golden Gleaners' Senior Sack Program at the Highland Chapel from its beginning in 1989, and she was recognized by the Exchange Club for her volunteer work. Ellen had difficulty in hearing, but that did not diminish the sparkle in her eye nor the spirit in her heart. After a lengthy illness, Ellen passed away on March 7, 1997, in Lake Isabella.

Ellen is survived by her son, Richard Brun and his wife Coleen, of Lake Isabella; her stepdaughters, Christine and Cynthia; six grandchildren, Debbie, Jaime, Galen, Elizabeth, Tarek and Ziad. She will be missed by all of us. Interment will be at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, where her ashes will be placed to rest with her late husband, Addison.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Charles (Fred) Needham

Services were held Saturday, March 15, at the Full Gospel Fellowship, 12312 Mountain Mesa Road, Mountain Mesa, California. Pastor Gary Nichols officiated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary in Bakersfield immediately following. Charles was born December 16, 1914, in Kansas City, Missouri. He went to be with the Lord March 11, 1997 in Weldon, California. He retired from Asbury Transportation in 1978 after a lifetime of driving. He loved every minute of his retirement.

He leaves his wife Reba of 54 years; two daughters, Janice Needham, Sharon Odermann and husband Al; son, Phi Needham and wife Carmen; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be sent to the Salvation Army, 724 21st St., Bakersfield, California 93305, for the flood victims of the Ohio Valley. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr.

Services were held Friday, March 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Laso Indian Cemetery in Onyx on the hill for Nathan Clark Mace Sr., 69, of Weldon, California, who passed away March 17, 1997, in Bakersfield. Pall Bearers: Ralph Chico, Floyd Manwell, Raymond Garcia, Forest Helm, Rusty Laird, Rick Bennett, Rick Alvary, Bert Eller, and Johnny Valdez.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr. was a living husband, daddy, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and a friend to everyone who knew him. He was born September 1, 1927, and raised in Onyx, California. He was a resident of Weldon all of his life. He attended South Fork Elementary School, and went on to Sherman Institute Indian School in Riverside for high school. He served in the United States Armed Forced from July 28, 1954, to Nov. 3, 1956, with an honorable discharge. He was proud of his Native American Paiute-Shoshone heritage. His unique personality touched so many lives as only he could do. Cowboying was his way of life. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, driving his truck, listening to country music, riding his horse, and telling stories. He has worked at the sawmill in Johnsondale when it was operating, and the many local ranches. His stories of his Indian heritage and service in the armed forces will live on through his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Mark Dale Mace, Sr. He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 41 years, Pauline J. Mace; his children, Judy Lynn Mace, Colleen J. Alvary, Patrica A. Vigil, Natalie A. Bennett, of Bakersfield, Nathan C. Mace Jr. II, Paul C. Mace, Lisa R. Mace, Yvonne M. Smith, of Weldon, Sherry L. Mace of Bodfish, Andrew B. Mace, Loretta J. Garcia, of Oregon; nine granddaughters; 10 grandsons; and one great-granddaughter; sons-in-law, Forest L. Helm, Rick Alvary Sr., Rick Bennett, Shane Martinez of Bakersfield, Raymond Garcia of Oregon, Russell Laird of Weldon; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lane Mace of Onyx; sisters, Irene Miranda, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Angie Tungate, Patrica Casteel, Mildred Somara of Tracy, California; brothers-in-law, Raymond J. Hunter of Bencia, California; Roy Casteel, Everett Tungate, Sr. of Tracy, California; sister-in-law Molly Mace of Bakersfield; Ruriko Hunter of Benica, California; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

He will be missed very much. In his words he was just a daddy, but to us he was much more than words could ever say. He was a loving, caring husband and sweetheart. We will love him forever.

William D. Chappell

Graveside services for William D. "Wendy" Chappell, 89, of Weldon, were held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at 11:00 am in the Pioneer Section of the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church and the V.F.W. Post #7665 of Lake Isabella, of which he was a charter member.

Wendy was born in Tehachapi on June 5, 1907, and passed away on March 14, 1997, in a Bakersfield Hospital. He started his working life as a cowboy on the Hill Ranch in Tehachapi and moved with the ranch to Onyx in 1932. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served in France as a Forward Observer for heavy artillery. After his discharge in 1945, Wendy began a 26 year career with the California Division of Highways (CalTrans), retiring in 1971.

In 1944, Wendy began 52 years of happy marriage with Marguerite "Mudder" Alexander of Weldon and they enjoyed 26 years of retirement together until her death on May 31, 1996.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and a sister, and by his stepdaughter, Marjorie "Becky" Alexander. Survivors include 2 stepchildren, Annette "Sis" Staats of Caliente, California, and Leonard Alexander of Weldon; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a niece, Mary Knoy of Port Angeles, Washington; and a nephew, Mike McCarthy of Caliente, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clyde (Bob) Lee Robinson

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 21, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the old part of the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Clyde (Bob) Lee Robinson, 72, of Weldon, California, who passed away on March 16, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Pastor Robbie Robinson officiated.

Bob was born on September 14, 1924, to Estella Butterbredt Robinson and Robert L. Robinson in the old Apalatea house above Old Kernville, where Kernville is located today. He had two sisters, Betty Lewis of Ridgecrest and Bernice Wermuth, deceased. He attended grammar school in Old Kernville. He was a Native American Indian. His family had many generations raised in the Kern Valley area. Bob enjoyed his youth growing up in the valley. He loved to deer hunt, camp outdoors, ride horses, gather pinons in the fall, help on the different ranches and the movie sets in Old Kernville. He was knowledgeable in the history and areas around the valley because of his love and interest he had for it, especially the Scodie Mountain Range.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Bronze Arrowhead, American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged in 1945 as a Buck Sergeant.

Bob married Rose Robinson on October 16, 1949, in Old Kernville. They had four children, Robert James Robinson of Weldon, Catherine Lee Paradise of Weldon, Terry Lyn McDonald of Kernville, and Clyde David Robinson of Kelso Canyon.

Bob enjoyed living in the Kern River Valley. He will be remembered for the beautiful bits and spurs he made and sold in the valley. He loved to tell stories and shared them with the valley through KVLI Radio in Lake Isabella once a week for a few years. His work in the valley was working on the Lake Isabella Dam, Custodian and Bus Driver at Woodrow Wallace Elementary School, Camp Erwin Owen, and his best work on ranches, Syth Ranch in Onyx and Quarter Circle Five Ranch in Faye Canyon in Weldon. He loved horses and a mighty fine mule named "Martin". Bob and Martin were quite a pair. Every year in the spring, Bob would help take teenage Indian students out to the Panamint Mountain area called Indian Ranch and teach them some Indian culture and history. He looked forward to this time with the students. He helped to organize the Kern Valley Indian Council and the Kawaiisu-Shoshone Indian Council. He was one of the original Kern County Search and Rescue pilot program members. They covered a large area including Tulare County. He was known for his tracking ability and knowledge of things dealt with in Search and Rescue. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville and Scottish Rite in Bakersfield.

He also had an interest in art. He painted, worked with leather, and set silver in his bits and spurs and designed the silver. He led the organization that would have an Old Timers Picnic every year in the Kern River Valley. He enjoyed doing the deep pit for the meat. He looked forward to doing this picnic every year. He loved enchiladas.

He has 12 grandchildren: Casey, Flint, Justin, and Deana Robinson; Dan and Robert Cook; Christipher and Mindy McDonald; Tiffany Rolfson; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Bernice Wermuth, and a great-grandson, Bryce Daniel Rolfson. He will be missed.

Tribute and Indian Ceremony by the Pallbearers Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Brady Barricman

A private family service was held for James Barricman, who passed away on March 17, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella. James was born on December 31, 1948, in Montebello, California, to George Leo, and Dorris Irene Barricman.

James grew up in California, and loved to work with his hands. The things he built ranged from wooden signs to walkways. He enjoyed painting, fishing, and going on R.V. trips with his mom. He was full of life, and showed each person love in his own special way.

James leaves his wife, Karen; his children, Amanda Adams, Stacy Sneeden, and James Brady Barricman Jr. He also leaves two sisters, Dorothy Redman, and Dorris Rieser; his mother, Dorris; his four grandchildren, Jack Kneeden, Lauren Sneeden, James Sneeden, and Taylor Adams; three uncles; and three aunts; as well as a host of special friends. He was preceded in death by his father. He will be greatly missed, and forever loved, by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Clyde (Bob) Lee Robinson

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Bob was born on September 14, 1924, to Estella Butterbredt Robinson and Robert L. Robinson in the old Apalatea house above Old Kernville, where Kernville is located today. He had two sisters, Betty Lewis of Ridgecrest and Bernice Wermuth, deceased. He attended grammar school in Old Kernville. He was a Native American Indian. His family had many generations raised in the Kern Valley area. Bob enjoyed his youth growing up in the valley. He loved to deer hunt, camp outdoors, ride horses, gather pinons in the fall, help on the different ranches and the movie sets in Old Kernville. He was knowledgeable in the history and areas around the valley because of his love and interest he had for it, especially the Scodie Mountain Range.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Bronze Arrowhead, American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged in 1945 as a Buck Sergeant.

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Bob enjoyed living in the Kern River Valley. He will be remembered for the beautiful bits and spurs he made and sold in the valley. He loved to tell stories and shared them with the valley through KVLI Radio in Lake Isabella once a week for a few years. His work in the valley was working on the Lake Isabella Dam, Custodian and Bus Driver at Woodrow Wallace Elementary School, Camp Erwin Owen, and his best work on ranches, Syth Ranch in Onyx and Quarter Circle Five Ranch in Faye Canyon in Weldon. He loved horses and a mighty fine mule named "Martin". Bob and Martin were quite a pair. Every year in the spring, Bob would help take teenage Indian students out to the Panamint Mountain area called Indian Ranch and teach them some Indian culture and history. He looked forward to this time with the students. He helped to organize the Kern Valley Indian Council and the Kawaiisu-Shoshone Indian Council. He was one of the original Kern County Search and Rescue pilot program members. They covered a large area including Tulare County. He was known for his tracking ability and knowledge of things dealt with in Search and Rescue. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville and Scottish Rite in Bakersfield.

He also had an interest in art. He painted, worked with leather, and set silver in his bits and spurs and designed the silver. He led the organization that would have an Old Timers Picnic every year in the Kern River Valley. He enjoyed doing the deep pit for the meat. He looked forward to doing this picnic every year. He loved enchiladas.

He has 12 grandchildren: Casey, Flint, Justin, and Deana Robinson; Dan and Robert Cook; Christipher and Mindy McDonald; Tiffany Rolfson; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Bernice Wermuth, and a great-grandson, Bryce Daniel Rolfson. He will be missed.

Tribute and Indian Ceremony by the Pallbearers Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Brady Barricman

A private family service was held for James Barricman, who passed away on March 17, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella. James was born on December 31, 1948, in Montebello, California, to George Leo, and Dorris Irene Barricman.

James grew up in California, and loved to work with his hands. The things he built ranged from wooden signs to walkways. He enjoyed painting, fishing, and going on R.V. trips with his mom. He was full of life, and showed each person love in his own special way.

James leaves his wife, Karen; his children, Amanda Adams, Stacy Sneeden, and James Brady Barricman Jr. He also leaves two sisters, Dorothy Redman, and Dorris Rieser; his mother, Dorris; his four grandchildren, Jack Kneeden, Lauren Sneeden, James Sneeden, and Taylor Adams; three uncles; and three aunts; as well as a host of special friends. He was preceded in death by his father. He will be greatly missed, and forever loved, by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Pauline M. Evers

Graveside services were held for Pauline M. Evers of Lake Isabella on Saturday, March 22, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor John Carpenter officiated.

Pauline was born December 11, 1932, in Los Angeles, California. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse for 30 years. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She passed away on March 18, 1997 in Bakersfield, California. She was 64 years of age.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Shoemake, and her husband, Greg; her granddaughters, Jessie, and Shelbie Shoemake, her husband Victor Evers of Bodfish; and sister Margaret Caprio of Torrance, California. She will be greatly missed, and forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John A. Russell

Visitation and a wake service were held on Monday, March 31, 1997, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mass for Christian burial was held Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for John A. Russell. Officiating was Father Charles Casale.

John was born August 19, 1910 in McAlister, Oklahoma, and passed away March 26, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He and his wife have been residents of the Kern River Valley for 12 years. He belonged to the Shriners and the Elks and the U.S. Marshal's Posse, the Silver Mounted Patrol. Before retiring, John owned and operated Russell Backhoe Rental Inc. for 45 years in the San Fernando Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jane, of Wofford Heights; and son Ronald Dale Russell of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, please send prayers.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy L. Standage

A memorial service was held in honor of Dorothy L. Standage of Lake Isabella on April 1, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church with Pastor "Chuck" Semonious officiating. A luncheon was served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Dorothy was born in Texas on January 3, 1924, and passed away in Bakersfield, California, on March 19, 1997, at 4:30 p.m. She worked as a secretary for 12 years and then another 17 years as an airline reservation agent. Dorothy married Ken Standage in July of 1945. Upon retirement, they moved to the Kern River Valley in 1983. Dorothy and Ken enjoyed traveling together with their dogs in their RV.

She enjoyed the companionship of the girls in her ceramics classes. They both enjoyed the beautiful home they built together in the Squirrel Valley area.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Ken Standage; son, Richard; daughter, Diane; three and two great-grandchildren; not to mention the members of her large church family.

She will be greatly missed by the members for her family and all who knew her. It is Dorothy's wish to be cremated and her ashes spread at sea.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr.

Services were held Friday, March 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Laso Indian Cemetery in Onyx on the hill for Nathan Clark Mace Sr., age 69, of Weldon, California, who passed away March 17, 1997, in Bakersfield. Pall bearers included Ralph Chico, Floyd Manwell, Raymond Garcia, Forest Helm, Rusty Laird, Rick Bennett, Rick Alvary, Bert Eller, and Johnny Valdez.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr. was a loving husband, daddy, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and a friend to everyone who knew him. He was born September 1, 1927, and raised in Onyx, California. He was a resident of Weldon all of his life. He attended South Fork Elementary School, and went on to Sherman Institute Indian School in Riverside for high school. He served in the United States Armed Forces from July 28, 1954 to November 3, 1956 in Germany and Korea, with an honorable discharge. He was proud of his Native American Paiute-Shoshone heritage. His unique personality touched so many lives as only he could do. Cowboying was his way of life. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, driving his truck, listening to country music, riding his horse, and telling stories. He has worked at the sawmill in Johnsondale when it was operating, and the many local ranches. His stories of his Indian heritage and service in the armed forces will live on through his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Mark Dale Mace, Sr. He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 41 years, Pauline J. Mace; his children, Judy Lynn Mace, Colleen J. Alvary, Patrica A. Vigil, Natalie A. Bennett, of Bakersfield, Pauline R. Mace of Weldon, Nathan C. Mace Jr., Paul C. Mace, Lisa R. Mace, Yvonne M. Smith of Weldon, Sherry L. Mace of Bodfish, Andrew B. Mace, Loretta J. Garcia of Oregon; nine granddaughters; 10 grandsons and one great-granddaughter; sons-in-law, Forest L. Helm, Rick Alvary Se., Rick Bennett, Shane Martinez of Bakersfield, Raymond Garcia of Oregon, Russell Laird of Weldon; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lane Mace of Onyx; sisters, Irene Miranda of Las Vegas, Nevada; Angie Tungate; Patrica Casteel Mildred Somara of Tracy, California; brothers-in-law, Raymond J. Hunter of Bencia, California; Roy Casteel, Everett Tungate, Sr. of Tracy, California; sister-in-law Molly Mace of Bakersfield; Ruriko Hunter of Benica, California; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

He will be missed very much. In his words he was just a daddy, but to us he was much more than words could ever say. He was a loving, caring husband and sweetheart. We will love him forever.

Herbert J. Donner

Graveside services for Herbert J. Donner were held on Saturday, April 5, 1997, in the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church officiating. A family patriarch and retired executive with Pacific Telephone Company, Herb died April 1, 1997 at the age of 89.

He loved his family, friends, and the Lake Isabella area which he selected as his home over 25 years ago. Herb Donner was born December 4, 1907, in Norfolk, Nebraska. He attended Iowa State University and graduated from the University of Southern California as a civil engineer. Initially, he worked on the Metropolitan Water Aqueduct Project bringing Colorado River water to Southern California. Later, he worked for Shell Oil Company. He joined Pacific Telephone Company in 1941, advancing rapidly through management. He retired in 1968 as benefits secretary in Pasadena, California.

After graduating from U.S.C., Herb married his high school sweetheart, Beth Hinson. They had two sons, Herbert S. Donner and Stephen H. Donner. Beth passed away in 1960. He then married Margaret Webster, an associate at Pacific Telephone. Margaret passed away in 1991.

Following their retirements, Herb and Margaret pursued their avid interest in fishing and the outdoors, which brought them to the Kern River Valley. Herb quickly became involved in the community. He was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, the Kern River Valley Historical Society and was a charter member and past president of the Kern Valley Exchange Club. He was a benefactor of various organizations and was especially interest in providing scholarships for Kern Valley High School graduates.

To his family, Herb was a patriarch and a highly respected role model. He was loving, caring and generous and attracted a wide circle of friends. Survivors include his sons, Herbert S. Donner of Escondido, California, and Stephen H. Donner of Laguna Beach, California; his brother, Dr. Stanley Donner of Upper Lake; and by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Herb had many friends in the Kern River Valley and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Nigel Wearing

Graveside services are pending for Nigel Wearing, age 81, of Lake Isabella. A 24-year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Wearing was born May 28, 1915 in England and passed away on April 3, 1997, in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Nigel was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and after the war, spent 30 years as an employee of Lockheed Aircraft, retiring as a supervisor. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #7665 and the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella. Nigel enjoyed gardening and took great pride in his rose garden.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Wearing, of Lake Isabella; a son, Dennis Wearing of Oakhurst, California; a daughter, Barbara Mosher of Denver, Colorado; his sister, Betty Bouge, of Lompoc, California; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Harold Louis Elliott

A service was held April 4, 1997, for Harold Louis Elliott, born in 1914. Harold is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marie; his daughter, Louise; and his three sons, Patrick, Larry and Mike. He will be dearly missed by his nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harold retired to the Kern River Valley after 22 years of service at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft. One highlight of his long career was his work on the Apollo Space Program. As a member of the Masonic Lodge #369 and the Elks, Harold enjoyed his 21 years of retirement surrounded by family and friends.

Eleanor "Elly" Bruches

Memorial services for Eleanor "Elly" Bruches, age 79, of Wofford Heights, were held on Friday, April 4, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. A 21-year Kern River Valley resident, Elly was born December 29, 1917, in Los Angeles, California, and passed away on March 28, 1997, in a Los Angeles hospital after an extended illness.

A retired real estate agent with Wofford Heights Realty, she was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. She enjoyed traveling in her motorhome, camping and fishing. Elly enjoyed people and "never knew a stranger."

She is survived by her husband, Peter Bruches of Wofford Heights; her stepdaughter, Judy Sall of South Pasadena, California; and her brother, Graydon Jones of Santa Clarita, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Mary Ellen Connelly

Graveside services for Mary Ellen Connelly, age 68, of Bodfish, were held on Saturday, April 5, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, with Pastor Ed Rain of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiating. Mary was born November 3, 1928 in Drumright, Oklahoma, and had lived in the Kern River Valley for 12 years, moving here from Downey, California.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a supervisor at Modern Faucets in Los Angeles. Mary was a member of the Women of the Moose #1297 in Lake Isabella. She loved music, gardening, oil painting and collecting plates and ceramics.

Mary is survived by her husband of 35 years, Jack Connelly of Bodfish; her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Deana Ferguson of Phoenix, Arizona; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Jim Chappell of Riverside and Betty and Jim Stevenson of Dallas, Texas; stepson and daughter-in-law, Mike and Robin Connelly of Pahrump, Nevada; stepson and daughter-in-law, John and Monica Connelly of Oceanside, California; two brothers, Hershel Hicks of Ridgecrest and Harold Hicks of Hobbs, New Mexico; a sister, Mavis Henderson of Clyde, Texas; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Marian L. Hunnex

Memorial services for Marian L. Hunnex, of Fullerton, California, were held Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 2:30 p.m., at Neels Brea Mortuary in Brea, California. Officiating was the Crystal Cathedral's Pastor Jim Kok. Interment followed at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.

Marian was born September 8, 1912, in North Tonawanda, New York, and passed away on April 10, 1997, at the Friendly Hills Regional Medical Center in La Habra, California. She was 84 years old.

Before her retirement, Marian was employed as a home economics teacher with the Fullerton Union High School District in Fullerton, California, as well as the school district in Gowanda, New York.

She is survived by her nieces Mary Yeager of Lakewood, California; Betty Sturdivant of Long Beach, California; Marion Warren of White Salmon, Washington; and her nephews Charles Diffine of Lake Isabella, California; Everett Diffine of Phoenix, Arizona; and Don Diffine of Fearcy, Arizona.

Neels Brea Mortuary assisted the family with the arrangements.

Thomas Salvador Ray

Thomas Ray, age 41, most beloved son of Dorothy Ray, passed away on April 9, 1997, after a long illness. We celebrate his life and his passing into eternal life and happiness. He is survived by his brothers, Stephen of Lake Isabella; Jim of San Dimas; Tim of Colorado; and his sister Cecilia of Altadena.

Arrangements were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Evelyn M. Copeland

Evelyn Marie Copeland, age 76, a one-year resident of Carlsbad and a former 15-year resident of Wofford Heights, died Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at her residence. Born in Portsmouth, Iowa, she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks Club, Secular Francsican Order of the St. Joseph's Fraternity, and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in December 1996, her survivors include sons Alan Copeland and his wife Judy of Huntington Beach; Joseph Copeland of Carlsbad; James Copeland of Redondo Beach; Philip Copeland and his wife Sara of Vista; Sean Copeland, also of Carlsbad; Donald Copeland and his wife Amy of Woodland Hills; daughters Anita Mauch and her husband Kevin of Moore Park; Kathleen Guy and her husband Tom of Leucadia; seven grandchildren; sisters Kathleen Cramer of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary Ann Castognia of Fullerton; brothers Jerry Skalla of Yucca Valley; Jene, Bill and Phil Skalla, all of Fullerton.

A rosary and funeral mass was celebrated at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 1997, at St. John's Catholic Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas. Cremation with private inurnment at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

The family suggests contributions to her memory be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 3625, San Diego, California 92163.

Encinitas Mortuary was entrusted with arrangements.

Carol Ann Kilman

A funeral service was held Friday, April 11, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1911 Edith St., for Carol Ann Kilman of Bodfish. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Carol was born February 24, 1939 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and died April 5, 1997, at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center. She was 58 years old and a 24-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her husband of over 40 years, Al Kilman, of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Mitzy Kilman, of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Dan Plum, of Lake Isabella; grandson Corey Plum of Lake Isabella; mother and father Sonny and Lucille Musial of Arkansas; brother and sister-in-law, Ronny and Rosalie Musial, of Arkansas; sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Kit Carter, of Paso Robles, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul and Virginia Kilman, of Midway City, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Max and Betty Kilman, of El Torro, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pat and Sharon Kilman, of Shingle Springs, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dan and Sandy Kilman, also of Shingle Springs, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Virginia and Jerry Shaver, of Midway City, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joan and Bob Moran, of Bakersfield, California; and 66 nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

David Alan Caffrey

Graveside services were held Monday, April 14, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for David Alan Caffrey. Officiating was Pastor Tom Allred of the Twin Oaks Community Church.

David was born in Los Angeles, California, on August 8, 1956, and passed away at his home in Caliente, California, on April 7, 1997.

He was raised in Hacienda Heights and La Habra and after high school moved to the Lone Pine area for a time. He has been a resident of the Kern County in Caliente for the past eight years with his fiancée Peggy Willis.

David was an entrepreneur in the flea markets and swap meets in Southern California for about 25 years. He enjoyed fishing in Lake Isabella and the many friends he made while fishing.

He is survived by his fiancée Peggy Willis and son Byron of Caliente; his father and mother, Donald and Shirley Caffrey of Corona; his brothers, Dale and Don, of Corona, and Danny of Moreno Valley, and his seven nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helene Emilie Short

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 22, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1911 Edith St., for Helene Emilie Short of Lake Isabella.

Helene was born May 6, 1924 in Los Angeles, California, and died at her residence in Lake Isabella on March 18, 1997. She was 72 years old. She had been a resident of Kern County for seven years.

She is survived by her sons Ray D. Moore of Cookville, Tennessee; Everett Moore of Mississippi; sister Juanita Fleury of Westminister, California; brother Everett Reed of Westminister, California; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Jackie Marie Vann

A memorial service was held Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for Jackie Marie Vann. Jackie was born June 12, 1936 in Bokoshe, Oklahoma, and passed away at her home in Wofford Heights on April 7, 1997 after a long illness. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She was a bartender for the Elks Lodge for 17 of those years.

She is survived by her mother, Gladys Moore, of Wofford Heights; her father, Grady Vann, of Oklahoma; son, Glen Brazell, of Sacramento, California; grandson, Glen DeCicco, of Anaheim, California; brother, Donald Vann, of Bakersfield; niece, Pat Simpson, of Wofford Heights; and all her many friends. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hugh Memovich

Private interment arrangements were made for Hugh Memovich, age 73, of Mt. Mesa. Hugh was born October 16, 1923, in Buckingham, Colorado, and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on April 5, 1997, after a sudden illness.

After 35 years of service with the Bemis Co., Inc., Hugh and his wife, Mary, built a home and moved to Squirrel Valley where they lived for the past 11 years. They enjoyed traveling and in the past three years had toured the United States. Hugh also enjoyed fishing in Montana and enjoyed his retirement to the fullest.

Hugh attended high school in Stevenson, Washington and went on to graduate from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, with a degree in industrial engineering. He also served his country during World War II as a signalman in the U.S. Navy, receiving his honorable discharge in 1945.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Memovich of Mt. Mesa; his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tricia Memovich of Chino; his daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Rick Kaspar of Ridgecrest; two grandchildren, Carissa and Justin Memovich; two sisters, Iris Swaggerty of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Peg Schultz of Stevenson, Washington; three brothers, Bob Memovich of Tigard, Oregon; Steve Memovich of Vancouver, Washington; and Willis Memovich of Federal Way, Washington.

Hugh was a wonderful man who was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Memorial donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, 12424 Mt. Mesa Rd., Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Steven Rico Yanez

Steven Rico Yanez was born on June 8, 1984, in Ridgecrest, California to Wanda and Maurice Yanez, Jr. He grew up in the Kern River Valley and attended school at Kernville Elementary and Woodrow Wallace until February of 1993, his fifth grade year. He passed away on Friday, April 4, 1997, at the age of 12, after a five-year battle with neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer.

"Rico" was taken from us quite suddenly. He was scheduled to be baptized only two days after he passed away. But we know he is with Jesus now and no longer in pain.

He will be sorely missed by his family and the huge family of friends he made during his short life. He is preceded in death by his grandfather Maurice Yanez, Sr. of Bakersfield and great-grandfather Irwin Burkhart of Kernville. He is survived by his mother Wanda and brother Aaron Avis of Kernville; sister Jolene Gaudsmith of Houston, Texas; father Maurice Yanez, Jr. of Fresno, California; grandparents Archie and Carol Logsdon of Kernville; namesake, Steven Havens of Independence; and Henrietta Yanez of Bakersfield; great-grandmothers, Alice Burkhart of Kernville, and Mary Martin of Independence; great-uncle Bob Burkhart of Kernville; aunt Lynnette and uncle Carl Woolwine of Kansas City; second cousins Leigh and Ann Burkhart of Mountain Mesa; plus many other cousins, aunts and uncles throughout the country.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at Kernville United Methodist Church in Kernville at 12:00 p.m. with a meal following. He touched many hearts. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Valley Children's Hospital, 3151 North Millbrook, Fresno, California 93703, in memory of Steven Rico Yanez.

Rico will be remembered as a brave kid with a wonderful sense of humor. The doctors and nurses at the hospital all loved him and remember his quick wit. They have said they will never forget him. Because of their love, the staff at Valley Children's Hospital is planning a special memorial.

Angel Rico

You were my brother,
You were always there,
You went through the pain
That you could not bear.

Now that you're gone, I just can't explain,
It hurts so bad,
The unbearable pain.

Now you're in a better place,
With the Lord Jesus Christ,
You've touched so many, you've sacrificed.

A piece of me is not there anymore,
I'll miss you so much.

I wish you were here in my world,
You were my best friend,
I take back everything I said,
I didn't want it to end.

I want you to know that I'll cherish your love,
I hope you're taken care of,
In heaven up above.

By Your Loving Sister,
Jolene Amber-Lynn Gaudsmith

Helen Patricia Arneson

Helen Patricia Arneson, age 80, an 18-year resident of Kernville, died April 11, 1997 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield after a short illness. She was born on January 11, 1917, in Racine, Wisconsin.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. She had many interests including fishing, photography and painting. She was a member of the Traditional Artists Guild of Paramount, California.

Helen is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bill Arneson; and three sons, Dennis and wife Martha of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Gary and wife Mary of Huntington Beach, California; and Mike of Fountain Valley, California; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by two sisters, Wanda Smelser of Redondo Beach, California; and Stella Kelly of Long Beach, California; and one brother, John Niemiec of Racine, Wisconsin.

A memorial mass was held on Monday, April 14, 1997, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Father Charles Casale officiated the mass. Inurnment was private. The family requests donations in her memory be made to the American Heart Association, Kern County Chapter, P.O. Box 2111, Bakersfield, California 93303.

Services were arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Virginia Lee "Pat" Anderson

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Kernville United Methodist Church for Virginia "Pat" Anderson. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Pat was born August 31, 1929 in East St. Louis, Illinois, and passed away at her home in Kernville on April 12, 1997. She was raised in Pinkney, Illinois, until moving to California about 40 years ago. She has been a resident of Kernville for the last four years.

She is a past member of Kernville Women's Club, and she enjoyed traveling.

Pat is survived by her husband Melvin Anderson of Kernville; a sister Sandra Palmaroy; and brother Gene Offerman, both of St. Louis, Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mabel Anna Lease

Graveside services for Mabel Anna Lease, age 96, of Wofford Heights, were held on Friday, April 25, 1997 in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California.

Mrs. Lease was a seven-year Kern River Valley resident, moving here from Long Beach. She was born February 5, 1901 in Saranac Lake, New York, and passed away in a local hospital on April 21, 1997, after a lengthy illness.

She was a homemaker and had also managed a furniture store in Saranac Lake, New York. Before her illness, she enjoyed knitting and needlepoint.

Mabel was predeceased by her son, Louis H. Lease, in 1995. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Leach of Wofford Heights; her grandchildren, Dean of Lakewood; Barry of North Lake Tahoe; Scott, Dana and Laurie, all of Wofford Heights; as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Oleta Robinson Barnes

Oleta Robinson Barnes, age 86, died at Lander Valley Medical Center in Lander, Wyoming, on April 16, 1997. She was born in Scio, New York, the daughter of George and Edith (Robinson) Taylor. she was a school teacher for many years in the Scio, New York, area. She was married to Simeon C. Barnes on August 17, 1929 at Wellsville, New York.

The couple moved to the Long Beach, California, area in 1933, and later to Kernville, where they lived and worked most of their lives.

Mr. Barnes died in 1987. Mrs. Barnes moved to Lander to be near family in June 1996. She was a resident of Morning Star Manor.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Barbara Barnes, of Lander; one brother, George Taylor, of Phoenix, Arizona; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and one granddaughter.

Family services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Fridav. April 25, 1997, at 2 p.m. with Rev. John Carpenter officiating.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Hudson's Funeral Home.

Leo E. Stockton

Memorial services for Leo Eugene Stockton, age 73, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 1997, at Rubidoux Jurupa Valley Mortuary. He died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, of lung disease at Pleasant Care Convalescent Center of Riverside, California. Burial will be private.

Mr. Stockton, who was born in Joplin, Missouri, lived in Riverside for 15 years. He was co-owner of Stockton Painting in Riverside until he retired in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Seeta Elizabeth; five sons, Leo Jr., and Patrick, both of Riverside; Jerry of Bakersfield; Michael of Uruguay; and Thomas of Perris; 10 grandchildren; and a sister, Muriel Vogt of Onyx.

Leo E. Stockton was the son of the late Nolan "Hop" Stockton and brother of Richard "Dick" Stockton of Isabella, who both preceded him in death.

He will be deeply missed by all. He was dearly loved.

Venete 'Mae' Calderwood

Graveside services were held Friday, May 2, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Mae Calderwood. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mae was born in Albany, Texas, on July 9, 1915, and passed away in Mt. Mesa, on April 29, 1997. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years, living in Bodfish. She loved to read and do crafts and sew. She loved her family.

She is survived by her brother and sister in-law, Bob and Betty Yoho of Bodfish; granddaughters, Kathleen of Laughlin, Nevada, and Brenda Talbott of Mt. Mesa; and grandson Bert Robert Duncan II of Utah, and many nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert in 1982 and her daughter Patricia Ann Duncan in 1972.

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She is a past member of the Kernville Womens Club, and she enjoyed traveling. She is survived by her husband, Melvin Anderson of Kernville; a sister Sandra Pomeroy, and brother Gene Offerman, both of St. Louis, Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

McKenzie Katherine Bushling

Fifteen-month-old McKenzie Katherine Bushling, of Lake Isabella, died Sunday, April 27, 1997, at the Bannock Memorial Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho, from heart failure. She was born January 28, 1996, in Bannock Memorial Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Kenneth and Marcie Bushling.

McKenzie was a very special child, born with Downs Syndrome and with congenital heart disease. McKenzie overcame three open heart surgeries, stomach surgery and many other health problems. She was a fighter clear to the end. McKenzie was a very loving, happy person who enjoyed people.

She is survived by her parents of Lake Isabella; grandparents Ken and Linda Bushling of Lake Isabella; Lynda Slown of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Bryce and Kathy Ellis of Blackfoot, Idaho; uncles, aunts and cousins of Bakersfield, Las Vegas, Nevada, Truckee, California, Blackfoot, Idaho, Pocatello, Idaho and along with countless others whose lives she has touched.

McKenzie and her parents would like to thank the community for all their love and support. It was amazing to see the community come together and help us in our time of need.

The viewing in Blackfoot, Idaho, was held at the Hill-Hawker-Sandberg Funeral Home at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in Mt. Mesa at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on the corner of Park and McCray Road.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donna 'Keillor' Olsen

Donna "Keillor" Olsen was born on August 3, 1936, and passed away at the age of 60 on April 24, 1997 in Pismo Beach, California. Donna was raised in the Kern River Valley, attended school here, and her children were born here. She left the valley approximately in 1971.

She is survived by her son Brian Wagner; daughter Becky Cunning; and grandchildren Joshua Cunning and Cassandra Cunning.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 26, 1997, in Shell Beach, California.

Ada Marie Elliott

On May 2, 1997, services were held for Ada Marie Elliott at the Masonic Temple #369. Born March 25, 1921, in Wichita, Kansas, Marie passed away April 30, 1997, at the age of 76. She leaves behind three sons: Pat, Larry, and Mike; and one daughter, Louise. She will be dearly missed by her nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A resident of the Kern River Valley for 21 years, Marie Elliott played an active role in the community. She participated in the Rainbow Order for girls for over 10 years and was awarded the organization's top national honor, *The Cross of Colors*, for service above and beyond. In addition, the Kernville Union School District utilized Marie's skills as cafeteria supervisor for the entire district. Her 14 years of service for the local schools was a proud reminder of her desire to contribute to the community.

Hazel Bertha Atchison

Hazel Bertha Atchison was born on May 16, 1913, in Kent, Ohio, and passed away on May 3, 1997, at the Kern Valley Hospital Care Facility.

She is survived by her three sons in order of age, A.J. Atchison, of Chiloquin, Oregon; Rod Atchison of Bakersfield; and J.R. Atchison of San Jose, California. She also left behind three grandsons, three granddaughters, 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Beloved mother and grandmother, Hazel resided in Kernville for the last 15 years of her life. She loved the area and enjoyed many visits from her family. She was a quiet person who had a positive impact on the lives of many people. She will be greatly missed.

Hazel's memorial service will be held in late June in Kernville. The family asks that you make a donation to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation rather than to send flowers if you are so inclined.

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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Nida May Gaze

Former Kern Valley resident Nida Gaze passed away April 29, 1997, at Mesa General Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. Memorial services were held on Friday, May 2, 1997, at Broadway Christian Church in Mesa.

Born February 10, 1923, in San Fernando, California, Nida was one of six children born to Ralph and Mary Wolfe. A Kern Valley resident from 1979 to 1988, she was an active member of the Women's Aglow Fellowship of Lake Isabella and the Kern Valley Women of the Moose. Nida was also a member of First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella. She moved to Mesa following the death of her husband, Doug, in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons: Joyce Clark of Kerman, California; Pat Bavier of Blythe, California; Larry Nielsen of Mesa, Arizona; and Ken Gaze of Bakersfield; two sisters and one brother, Thelma Taylor of Mesa, Arizona; Cleone Taylor of San Antonio, Texas; and Ellsworth Wolfe of Baja California; nine grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

James Dudley Woodroof

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for James Dudley Woodroof. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Mr. Woodroof was born May 19, 1917, in Irvine, California, and passed away May 3, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

He was in the Army from 1941 to 1945. During that time he was a heavyweight boxer. He also was a deep sea diver and had his flying license. He loved motorcycles, fishing, camping and traveling, and he loved his family very much. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 yeras, and a member of the VFW and Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Billie, of Lake Isabella; his daughter, Peggy Woodroof, of Signal Hill, California; stepson and daughter-in-law, John and Lori Coates, of Lakewood; granddaughter, Kristn Eastman; and grandson and granddaughter, John and Stephine Coates; and sister-in-law, Sue Devries, of Lake Isabella; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Fran Woodroof, of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Rosenthal

A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Bill "Puffer" Rosenthal. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey and Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Bill was born July 3, 1944 in Manhattan, New York, and passed away May 2, 1997, after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years and was a bartender in many of the different clubs in the valley. Bill was a director and producer with CBS for 20 years and the stage manager on 20/20 for a time. He was a member of the Cameraman's Guild.

He had many friends in the AA community and several of the churches he attended here in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary Memovich

Private interment arrangements were made for Mary Memovich, age 72, of Mt. Mesa. Mary was born on May 21, 1924, in Bozeman, Montana, and passed away on April 13, 1997.

Mary was a graduate of Gallatin County High School in Bozeman. After graduating, she moved to San Francisco and worked for the Connecticut Insurance Company. While in San Francisco, she assisted the Red Cross during World War II. She later returned to Montana and worked at the registrar's office of Montana State University. During that time, she met her future husband, Hugh Memovich. She was a homemaker and mother for 49 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh, and her brother, James Schwietering of Three Forks, Montana. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tricia Memovich of Chino; her daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Rick Kaspar of Ridgecrest; two grandchildren, Carissa and Justin Memovich; and one sister, Bernice Miller, of Vaughn, Montana.

Mary was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Memorial donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, 12424 Mt. Mesa Road, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clayton H. Westrich

Private arrangements were made for Clayton H. Westrich of Lake Isabella. He was born July 19, 1920, in Lampoc, Michigan, and passed away May 8, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a long illness.

Clayton moved to the Kern River Valley eight years ago after retiring from Lockheed Aircraft where he worked for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Bertie Edwards, of Lake Isabella; his sister, Irene McGarvey, of Michigan; and two nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Verda Verona Jenkins

Verda Verona Jenkins passed away Monday, May 19, 1997, at her home in Onyx. No services were held as a Living Memorial was held on February 18, 1990 at the Eagles Lodge as Verda always said she wanted to attend her own memorial, which she did.

She was born July 24, 1923 in Long Beach, California, and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 28 years. She was a long time member of the Eagles Lodge and Eagles on Wheels. Verda loved camping and traveling. Each year since 1951, she and her daughters would camp at the river, until they moved to the Kern River Valley. She was known by all the kids, local and campers as Mrs. J. She always had a joke and loved life.

Mrs. J. is survived by her daughters, Toni Snyder and Tamara Palmer, both of Onyx; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her dear loving friend, Robert Peckinpaugh. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy "Dottie" Mae Conway-Feldmann

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at 3 p.m. at Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Following the services, per Dottie's wishes, a party celebrating her life will be held at the Kern River Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, Dottie requested that donations be sent to Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Center (Cedars-Sinai Comp. Ca. Ctr.) in memory of Dorothy Feldmann: 8700 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

After a five-year battle with breast/bone cancer, Dottie passed away at 7:52 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 1997, at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. She was 67 years old.

She leaves behind her husband of over 47 years, Herb. They would have shared their 48th wedding anniversary on April 30th. She also leaves three sons Lynn, Craig, and Kurt; and one daughter, Linda. She will be dearly missed by her five grandchildren.

A resident of Weldon for the past 13 years, Dottie worked for Dr. Goldfarb's office and received her Certified Nursing Asst. License in 1993 and worked at Kern Valley Hospital in the Education Department.

She shared with everyone her love of growing flowers and working outdoors in her garden. She was known for her love of animals and mankind. Dottie was always available to lend a helping hand or give loving advice. A conversation could always be guaranteed to end with a big bear hug and her saying, " I'll keep you in my prayers."

Dottie was born on March 21, 1930, in Jerome, Arizona, the eldest of three children. Her family moved to California when she was 12 and lived in Bellflower where she graduated from Excelsior High School in 1948. She fell in love and married Herb Feldmann in 1949, together they raised their family in the Norwalk/Whittier area.

Herb took an early retirement in 1984 and together they moved up to Weldon where a beautiful garden was grown every year and her vegetables and flowers took first place ribbons several years in a row at the county fair. She has touched many hearts and will be missed dearly.

Marion "Buck" Bidwell Jump

Marion "Buck" Bidwell Jump, a World War II veteran and a Kern River Valley resident for 12 years, passed away May 27, 1997, after a long illness.

He was born September 2, 1921, in Bay City, Michigan. He moved to California in 1949. He loved life, family, country, and friends. He served three years in the Army/Air Force during World War II in Europe.

Buck married Joyce on June 6, 1942. God blessed them with 54 years of marriage. During that time, they enjoyed many adventures together, traveling throughout the U.S., Canada and the Alaska Highway, visiting family and friends along the way.

He enjoyed the outdoors. Buck loved fishing, hunting and golf. He was a most loving husband, father and friend. He will be remembered for his sense of humor along with his loving and giving ways.

Buck's memory will be cherished by his wife, Joyce; son, Keith, and his wife, Barbara; daughter, Terina, and husband, Mike Smith; his grandchildren, Kyle, Beth, Karen, Brad, Doug, Bo and Erik; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Erik and Jessie. He is also survived by his stepmother, Frances; brothers, Vern, Dale and William; sisters, Mildred and Ruth. He is preceded in death by parents, Marion Sr. and Augusta; brothers, Raymond and Harold.

Marion believed in Jesus and was ready to meet his maker.

Norman Halverson

Memorial services were held Friday, May 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Norman Halverson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Halverson was born February 7, 1908 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and went to be with our Lord on May 26, 1997, in Bakersfield. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and he enjoyed fishing and prospecting with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Wannie, in 1969 and his wife, Ethel, in 1992.

Mr. Halverson is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Harold Hilsabeck, of Lake Isabella; and his sisters, Mable Matson, Vera Downton, Emma Fisher, Edna Sumner; and brothers, John and Rudy Halverson; four grandchildren, Kay Ferry, Lynn, Perry, and Michael Hilsabeck; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

In loving memory of Judy Saltzgaver

July 16, 1945–June 8, 1996

It's been a year
since she left us.
Many time we thing of her,
many times we've cried,
if love could have saved her,
she never would have died.
In life we dearly loved her,
in death we love her still,
her place in our hearts,
no one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose her,
but she did not go alone,
for part of us went with her,
when God took her home.
Jude, you left a void
in our hearts,
but we'll always remember
your love and kindness.
We love you dearly.

Your Loving Family

June Beatrice Teeter

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 7, 1997, at 7 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for June Beatrice Teeter of Bodfish. Officiating was Mel Hetrick. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

June was born February 7, 1921, in Makanda, Illinois, and died May 29, 1997, at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield. She was 76 years old and a 18-year resident of Bodfish. She was preceded in death by her mother Virginia Erickson who died September 1996.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Ray Crowell, and his wife, Joyce, of Los Angeles; daughter, Janet K. Johnson, and her husband, Larry, of Manhattan Beach, California; aunt, Mary Ina Hall, of Illinois; grandchildren, Eddie John Crowell, of Kansas; Christopher W. Johnson of Idaho; Randell C. Johnson of Colorado; Jackie Aday of Kansas; Dawn Renee Lauber of Virginia; great-grandchildren, Curtis, Nikki and Andrew Aday, all of Kansas; Dylan and Marla Lauber, both of Virginia.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Mabel Gladys Kaderly

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church in Lake Isabella for Mabel Gladys Kaderly. Officiating was Pastor Clarence Semonious. Mrs. Kaderly was born September 1, 1920 in Syracuse, Kansas, and passed away at her home on June 4, 1997.

Mabel and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1947 and she has been a member of the Lutheran Darcas Society, the Grandmothers Club, the Penmaraders Square Dance Club and the Roadrunners Bowling Team (both with her husband). She also loved to go fishing with him. She loved to sew and crochet for the family and has made quilts for the great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William; her daughter, Patsy Stroud of Westminister, California; son, Russell Kaderly, of Bodfish; daughter, Nancy Tracy of Virginia; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Other survivors include her brothers, Frank Huser and Lawrence Huser, both of Missouri; sister Ada Merrill of Colorado; brother John Huser of Arizona; and sister Betty David of Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kenneth J. Moon

Kenneth J. Moon passed away at his home in Weldon on Sunday, June 1, 1997. He was born on September 28, 1928, in Norman, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife Adel; his daughters Angie, Leisa, Yvette and Yvonne; his sons Ken and Jim; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; Adel's sons Pat, Jerry and Sam and daughter Carol and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Moon was looking forward to retirement, so he and Adel could travel to see family, friends and the outdoors he loved. The family expresses appreciation and gratitude for all the kind friends here in the valley. He will be dearly missed by all.

In loving memory of
Louis B. Schuster

Louis B. Schuster was born in Schenectady, New York, on March 12, 1919 and passed away in Mt. Mesa on June 10, 1996. He married his wife, Elaine, on August 24, 1940. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Lynne, and granddaughter, Christy.

He proudly served his country in the Army from September 1940 to September 1945 and also in the Korean War, both times being stationed in the Pacific.

Louis retired as assistant vice-president of First Interstate Bank in 1982 and soon after moved to Kernville.

He was also survived by daughter, Sharon Myares, of San Marcos; son, Kenneth, of Van Nuys; granddaughter, Connie Brisson, of Chico; and two great-granddaughters, also of Chico.

We miss you, Dad.

Ken and Sharon

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence passed away on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at the age of 78. He was born in Hammond, Indiana, on May 26, 1919. As a boy of 10, he came to California with his family. He later met and soon married his devoted wife Esther in 1940, and raised three loving daughters.

He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1974, Harry "Bud" and Esther moved to Kernville and settled in the community of Riverkern. In 1976, he was elected Honorary Mayor of Whiskey Flat. Harry "Bud" Torrence was a "pillar" to all. He was everyone's own personal "Rock of Gilbraltar." He was an adventurer and traveler at heart. He loved his family fiercely and they miss him greatly. "We love ya', Bud!"

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence is survived by a loving family. His wife of 57 years, Esther, and his three daughters and sons-in-law Dorene and Tom Yearian, Darlene and Mongo, and Diane and Jack Morck. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Beverly, Christine, and "Little Harry."

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Earl Crawford

John Earl Crawford, age 81, passed away on May 9, 1997, after a lengthy illness. Born on June 29, 1915, in Vallejo, California, Earl Crawford was a carpenter, contractor and employee of the State of California on the Water Project prior to his retirement.

During World War II, Earl served in the U.S. Army. He was laid to rest at the Golden Gate National Cemetery near San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1997, following military honors.

A resident of Kernville for 39 years, he is survived by his wife, Jeannette, of Kernville; a son, John Jr., and three grandsons, John III, Charles and David, all of La Jolla, California.

Arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Opal Glee Mason

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 14, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Opal Glee Mason. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Mt. Mesa. Opal was born May 17, 1906, in Hutchenson, Kansas, and passed away June 11, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past six years and attended the Nazarene Church in Lake Isabella. Before moving here she was a member of the Church of God in Bellflower.

Opal is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and Bud Medlin, of Mt. Mesa; daughter and son-in-law, Arla and Andy Gibson, of Lake Isabella; and son, Robert Mason, of San Diego; and eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Otha Noyes and Orville Noyes, both of Texas; and a sister, Oneta Ammons, of Arkansas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ruby McDermot

Graveside services were held Friday, June 13, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Ruby McDermot. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Mrs. McDermot was born June 19, 1922 in Rochester County, Kentucky, and passed away June 7, 1997, in Corona, California.

She was a resident of Mt. Mesa for four years before moving to Corona. She liked to travel to Laughlin, Nevada, and also enjoyed playing canasta.

Mrs. McDermot is survived by her son, Bruce Quick, of Chino Hills, California; daughter, Rose Smith, of Mt. Mesa; five grandchildren, one grandchild; and two brothers, Ted and Sherman Howard.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carl Louis Martin

A memorial service was held at The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on June 20, 1997, for Carl L. Martin who passed away suddenly on June 16, 1997, in Bakersfield. Carl was born on February 18, 1914, in Saskatchewan, Canada.

As a young boy, he moved with his family to Minnesota. He later met the love of his life, Ina. They were married in 1946. Carl served his country during World War II in the Army Med Corps, and received the bronze star of valor. He and Ina moved to Weldon, and then later to Bodfish, where they have resided ever since. Carl enjoyed collecting coins and gardening, and he was a member of the V.F.W.

Carl is survived by his loving wife Ina; son Danny and wife Elizabeth Martin, of Blaine, Minnesota; daughter Carla L. Martin, of Bloomington, Minnesota; two brothers and four sisters. He also leaves his grandchildren, Andrew, Kelly, Amanda, Jeffrey, Jason, Colin, Aaron; great-grandson Nickolas; many nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a sister, a brother, and a granddaughter. A special thank you to Art and Nita Martin for their help, love and concern. The family requests all memorials to be sent to the M.C.L.L. and/or the Paralyzed Vets of America.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Norman Agnew

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valhalla Memorial Park in No. Hollywood, California for Richard Agnew.

Richard was born in Los Angeles, California, on May 23, 1925, and passed away at his residence in Weldon on June 12, 1997, after a long illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 16 years.

He ran for Mayor of Whiskey Flat in 1982 and was known as "Tricky Dick Agnew". He also was a member of the VFW, the Moose, and the Eagles, and was past president of the Eagles. He enjoyed fishing around the lake.

Richard is survived by his sons, Dieon Agnew, of Simi Valley, California, Shawn Agnew of Castiac, California, Scott Agnew, of Arleta, California, and Richard Agnew Jr., of Midpine, California; daughters Beverly Jean McCormick, of San Francisco, and Laurie Dee Agnew of El Cajon; stepdaughter Laurie Ann Thompson, of Saugus, California; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen and Magie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Reinhold Raymond Klotz

A Mass for Christian burial was held Wednesday, June 18, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, for Reinhold Raymond Klotz (Bob). Officiating was Father Charles Casale. Burial was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Mr. Klotz was born in Hayes, Kansas, and passed away June 13, 1997 in Bakersfield.

He was Chief of Security at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, before retiring and moving to California in 1982, and then moving to the Kern River Valley in 1989. He was a member of St. Jude's Parish.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lorraine, of Lake Isabella; his son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Myra Klotz; two granddaughters, Kimberly and Jennie Klotz; three brothers, Eugene Klotz, of Great Bend, Kansas, Robert Klotz, of Hayes, Kansas, and Eddie Klotz, of Leavenworth, Kansas; four sisters, Elizabeth Weber and Henen Smircich, of Denver, Colorado, Mildred Spratt, of Wilson, Kansas, and Roberta Coon of Wichita, Kansas.

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He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lorraine, of Lake Isabella; his son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Myra Klotz; two granddaughters, Kimberly and Jennie Klotz; three brothers, Eugene Klotz, of Great Bend, Kansas, Robert Klotz, of Hayes, Kansas, and Eddie Klotz, of Leavenworth, Kansas; four sisters, Elizabeth Weber and Henen Smircich, of Denver, Colorado, Mildred Spratt, of Wilson, Kansas, and Roberta Coon of Wichita, Kansas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank Earl Wilson

On June 17, 1997, Frank Earl Wilson passed away at home with his family. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 20, 1997, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella. A graveside committal service was held immediately following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Dr. Marvin Moon, Pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, officiated at the services, with the Veterans of Foreign Wars giving Mr. Wilson's Veterans Honorarium graveside.

Frank Earl Wilson was born on September 16, 1923, in Arkansas, to his parents George Joseph and Mamie Wilson. He proudly served his country during World War II, in the United States Navy. He later moved to Chicago, where he married his wife of 47 years, Coyla Belle Wilson. Frank and Coyla moved to the valley area in 1983 from Chester, where they resided in Wofford Heights. Frank was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and he loved to golf. His greatest passion of all was his avid fervor for the growing of his tomato plants. Many people didn't know Frank by name, just by "the man who waves as people go by the house on the way to the marina."

Frank is survived by his wife Coyla Bella Wilson, his beloved Haley-Baby, and by many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved and cared for him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Earl Curtis Ary

In loving memory of Earl C. Ary:

Born July 7, 1930, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. A loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away on June 18, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a short battle with cancer. Services were held on Friday, June 20, 1997, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Earl is survived by his wife, Alvis M. Ary; five children, Linda, Connie, Caroline, Rick and Curtis; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jean W. Chase

Jean W. Chase, 76, passed away at a nursing home in Bakersfield on June 14, 1997, after a brief illness. Jean was born in Spokane, Washington, on January 13, 1921, came to the valley in 1965, and was a resident of Kernville. She was employed as a cook in coffee shops in Lake Isabella, Kernville, and Wofford Heights.

She leaves behind her many friends and will be missed by all. Cremation will be handled by the Neptune Society.

Gerald C. Click

Graveside services were held Monday, June 30, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. for Gerald C. Click (Jerry) at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Click was born July 3, 1937, in Weeksbery, Kentucky, and passed away June 25, 1997, in Kernville. Jerry has lived in the Kern River Valley since 1969. He worked for L.D. Seibert and with Click and Associates. He was a member of the California Sheriff Association. He enjoyed his antique cars and traveling.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Millie Click of Kernville; his son and daughter-in-law Tony and Sherry Click of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Dan Gates of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Joanna and Joe Strain of Bakersfield, California; daughter Kelly Betteridge of Kernville; nine grandchildren, and many good friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin Lyle Hauser

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Mel Hauser. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow.

Mel was born October 14, 1917 in Nampa, Idaho, and passed away June 22, 1997, in Bakersfield, California. Mel worked for Rockwell for 33 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 25 years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, and he loved to travel, square dance, and round dance. He loved family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris; his daughters Vannie Studebaker of Wofford Heights, and Sandy Marks of Cerritos; four grandchildren, Candie Jeremiah, Patti Warren, Curt Studebaker, and Rob Marsh; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Vern and George Hauser.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Lee Wood

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 1, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California, for Robert Lee Wood. Officiating was the Elks Lodge #1919 of Gardena, California. Memorial service will be held Thursday, July 3, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights. Eulogy by Bob Faulkner.

Robert was born May 22, 1924, in Marinsco, Michigan, and passed away June 23, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He has been a resident of the valley for 6 years. He was a member of the Elks #1919 in Gardena, the Elks #2358 in Wofford Heights, and the VFW. He received the Elk of the year award in 1995. He worked for the Harris Fence Co. for 30 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Wood of Wofford Heights; his son and daughter-in-law William and Carol Wood of Harbor City, California; son and daughter-in-law Tommy and Pam Wood of Redondo Beach, California; son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Charlene Saunders of Bakersfield, California; daughter and son-in-law Sherrie and Fred Brooks of Caldwell, Idaho; and grandchildren, Julia, Michael, Kimberly Saunders of Bakersfield, California, Abbie Brooks of Idaho, and Jessica Wood of Redondo Beach, California, and Brian Wood of Harbor City, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Betty Jane Post

On June 23, 1997, Betty Jane Post, age 73, passed away at home with her family.

Betty was born on June 9, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio, to her loving parents Milo and Marie Ross. In 1988, Betty met and married her husband Charlie Post. The two were married in Austinberg, Ohio, in September of that year. That same year, Betty moved with her husband from Jefferson, Ohio, to the Kern River Valley area, then residing in Mt. Mesa. Betty became very involved with the Kern River Valley Community. She became a member of the Moose Lodge's "Women of the Moose." Betty truly loved the people of Kern Valley. She loved dancing, traveling, and especially the scenic beauty of the mountains surrounding the valley. Betty touched many people's lives in the valley and she will be greatly missed by all.

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"Big Larry" Ranta

The valley has lost one of its most loved residents, Larry Ranta, known as "Yukon Jack" or "Big Larry." Larry was born in Pasadena, California, to Lucille and Leo Ranta on July 24, 1949. He entered into rest on June 26, 1997, at his residence in Mt. Mesa.

Larry is survived by his mother Lucille Ranta Sanders and stepfather Charles Sanders; his sister Linda Bowers of Tennessee. He also left behind numerous friends, both of the lake area and San Fernando Valley.

He was a good friend of Pastor Jack Dilley for over 40 years. He had been in the Sunland Neighborhood Church in Sunland, California, in his teens where Pastor Jack was the Youth Director.

"Yukon Jack" was an avid member of the Bakersfield Muzzle Loaders. He will be sorely missed at the annual Peter Lebec Rendezvous. He will be remembered and honored with a graveside service on Saturday, July 12, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Wofford Heights, Kern Valley Cemetery with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

"Where are you Gentle Giant? Forever in our hearts."

Betty Jean Costa

Betty was born on August 10, 1921, in Akron, Ohio, and moved to California with her family as a young girl. She married her high school sweetheart, Jay Dee Costa, on January 22, 1940. She was the loving mother of Jadeen and Bob. Jay and Betty moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980 where they became active in the Elks, Mason's, Eastern Star, and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. They were married for 57 years and have seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Betty passed away peacefully on June 28, 1997. The family requests that in lieu of flowers you honor Betty's love of young people and music by making your donation to the Betty Costa Scholarship Fund. Services were held at Valley Mortuary on Wednesday, July 2, 1997, at 10 a.m. followed by a graveside service and luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George Butterfield Wallace

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 12, 1997, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for George Butterfield Wallace who passed away June 26, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

Mr. Wallace was born December 18, 1921, in Yonkers, New York, and served in the U.S. Army in India during WWII, he was a black belt in martial arts and a master of cane fighting. He worked in the field of photography for 25 years. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years. He will be missed by his many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin Lyle Hauser

The family of Melvin Lyle Hauser, October 17, 1917 - June 22, 1997, would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our family and friends for their love and support during the time of Dad's passing away. We thank you for your prayers, your phone calls, flowers, prepared meals and for the time you spent with our family to honor and remember Dad. Your presence, thoughts and prayers have been truly helpful to our entire family. We, Mel's family, find comfort and peace knowing that he is now with God and is in His loving care.

Special thanks to pastor Dave Snow and our church family at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, the Dam Dancers and to all our friends at Jesse James Trailer Park, and Kern Valley High School.

God bless you, and with love from Mel's wife, Doris; daughters, Vonnie and husband Jon Studebaker, and Sandy and husband Larry Marsh; grandchildren, Candie Jeremiah, Patti Warren, and Curt Studebaker; and great grandchildren, Heidi, Colton, Josh and Weston.

Sterling Stalford

Funeral services were held Monday, July 14, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Sterling Stalford, followed by burial in the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Sterling was born May 17, 1951 in Kernville, and passed away July 9, 1997, at the age of 46 at his residence in Sun City, California, where he was employed as a truck driver by Sunwest Materials for the past 20 years. A Rosary service was held on July 13, 1997, at Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City.

He is survived by his wife Dena, of Sun City, California; two sons, Andrew Robles of California, and Robert Stalford of Oregon; two bothers, Billy Stalford of New Mexico, and Levi Stalford of Lake Isabella; a sister, Jeanne Stalford of Los Angeles, California; and his father, Sidney Stalford of New Mexico.

Arrangements by Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City, California.

Judith Marie Samstag

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judith Marie Samstag. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Mrs. Samstag was born April 1, 1943, in Trenton, Michigan, and passed away July 4, 1997, in Bakersfield, California.

She was in nursing for 25 years and was a member of the Missouri Foxtrotters Association for 10 years. She had a love for horses. She was a loving mother, devoted wife and sister. She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for a year having moved here from Rosemead, California.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, William Samstag of Lake Isabella; daughter Rene Czajka and grandson Edward Czajka of Victorville, California; two brothers, James Moltz of Desert City, California, and David Moltz of San Diego, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank Wilson

In memory of Frank Wilson:

I once believed a man as good and kind as my Uncle Frank would be immortal. But I also knew God's plan for us is to be born, to live, and then to return home to Him one day. Uncle Frank did that job I feel very well. He was a person full of wisdom. In the years my sister and I have known him we have learned a great deal about how to live life with honesty and self-respect. Even in his final days his words were of love, and filled with humor. He became my little sister's best friend. Their love and bond was very special. The pain I feel right now can never be as strong as the love I have for him or the joy I feel knowing I was blessed to have this wonderful man in my life. For my sister and myself his love, honesty, and humor will love on within our hearts forever. So I thank you and love you my dear Uncle Frank, and know we will live together again in our Lord's home.

Love, Chris (Smith)

Mildred Lucina Wilson

Mildred Lucina Wilson, age 93, passed away in Sacramento, California, on July 14, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Minard and her three nephews Lewis, Bill and Allen.

She was the loving mother of H. Maxine Schmidt and Virginia B. Wilson and husband John. Mrs. Wilson is also survived by her grandson Kevin M. and wife Paula; great-granddaughter Sara Elizabeth Alish and Alan, Jr.; stepson Dan Wilson and wife Jenefer and family Chad and Kendell; sister-in-law Dana Davis and husband Dave; and brother-in-law John Enright.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Wilson spent the last 35 years at Lake Isabella in the interior decorating business.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at 7 p.m. at the Nicoletti, Culjis and Herberger Funeral Home, 5401 Folsom Blvd. Private entombment followed at East Lawn Memorial Park.

Carl Leo Miller, Jr.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 19, 1997, for Carl Leo Miller, Jr., who passed away July 16, 1997, in Wofford Heights. The service was held at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, with a graveside commital following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Carl was born on February 4, 1922, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Carl and Gertrude Miller.

He was a member of the Masons for over 25 years and held the distinguished mark of a 32nd degree Mason. He was a devoted member of the Weldon Methodist Church, and was an energetic "rockhound." His enjoyments in life came from fishing, camping, and boating. He donated his time to different organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, and to helping the handicapped.

Carl leaves his wife of 55 years, Louise Miller, of Weldon; his son, Robert Miller, of Brea, California; daughter, Nancy Jane Kauffman, of Reseda, California; five grandchildren and a special niece, Michelle Boyd, of Indiana; as well as a host of loving friends that will miss him dearly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gordon E. Cornell

Gordon E. Cornell, born June 18, 1925, died July 14, 1997, at his home. Mr. Cornell, a valley resident since 1986, served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and the Merchant Marines. He was a retired sheet metal machinist.

Mr. Cornell is survived by his wife Pat; a brother, Stanley, of Wofford Heights; a sister, Peggy, of Paradise, California; many nieces and nephews.

He will have a private military service with burial at sea in Redondo Beach, California.

Frank Jay Murphy

A memorial service was held Thursday, July 24, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Frank Jay Murphy who passed away Sunday, July 20, 1997 in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Frank was born May 19, 1916 in McAlester, Oklahoma, and lived and worked in the Los Angeles area for many years. He worked for Firestone for 31 years before retiring and moving to the Kern Valley in 1976. He was a charter member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and a member of the National AARP in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edna Murphy; and two daughters, Rebecca Steiner, of Norwalk, and Dolores Dinwiddie, of Bellflower; four grandchildren, Yvette Almazan, of Sun Valley, California; Annette Corrigan, of Edwards Air Force Base; Danny and Valiery Dinwiddie and Deanna Dinwiddie, all of Bellflower; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, L.G. Murphy, of Oklahoma; a niece, Phyllis Smith, of Oklahoma; and Kathy Murphy.

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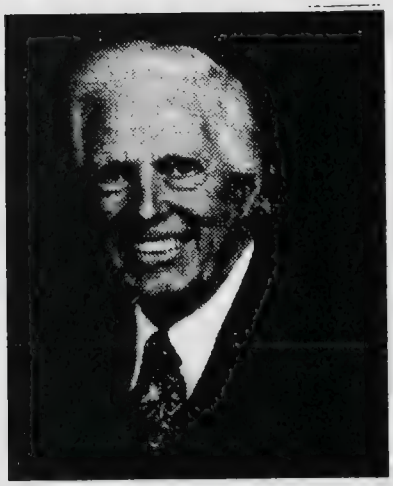

Rev. Charles Hamilton Petty

Rev. Charles Hamilton Petty, age 72, of Wofford Heights, entered eternal rest unexpectedly July 30, 1997, at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Born in New Bedford, Mass., he was the son of the late Benjamin and Ivy Petty.

He is survived by his wife, Eveline A. Hesketh-Petty, whom he married January 17, 1997, and three sons from his 51 years of marriage to the late Betty-Mae Petty; Rodney Hamilton Petty of Moab, Utah; Timothy Alan Petty of Wilseyville, California; and Stephen Howland Petty of Orosi, California; a brother, Phillip Petty, of Fresno, California; eight grandchildren; and a stepdaughter, Carol-Ann Hesketh Ashton, of Bermuda and Waitsfield, Vermont.

Mr. Petty graduated from New Bedford Vocational School and Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He taught mathematics at Camp Owen. He was a reserve peace officer and retired J.C. Penney executive. He was also well-known for his expertise in custom windows and doors. He was a member of De Molay for almost 60 years.

As an ordained minister, he was the outreach minister on the staff of the Calloway Community Church in Bakersfield. In addition, he was a guest preacher at God's Church at the Caroline Chapel in New Bedford, Mass.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Aug. 2, 1997, at the Calloway Community Church with Pastor John Revis officiating. Private burial followed.

Charles will be greatly missed by his family, friends and those whose lives he touched with his ministry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund of the Calloway Church at 3331 Calloway Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93312.

Denise Lyn Kramer

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Denise Lyn Kramer.

Denise was born April 18, 1953 in Glendale, Calif. and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 10 years. She passed away July 29, 1997, in Bakersfield. She was employed at Red's Marina for the past four years.

She enjoyed fishing. Her goal was always to make people smile. She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Richard Kramer, of Lake Isabella; and three grandchildren, Shawn, Jeff, and Chrisie; her sister, Laura Condit, of Bodfish; her brother, Robert Gammel, of Bodfish; and her parents, Olive and Robert Redmayer, of Weldon.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Victor L. Evers

A graveside commital was held for Victor L. Evers of Bodfish on Monday, July 21, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor Floyd R. Castillo officiated. Victor passed away July 13, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He was 63 years of age.

He was born September 25, 1933, in the family's farmhouse in Wycoff, Minnesota, to John and Ethel Evers. He had three brothers and five sisters. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He moved to the valley from Lomita, California, after retiring from United States Steel where he worked as a crane operator.

Victor loved living in the valley, often calling it God's country. He also loved to hunt and fish.

He is preceded in death by his parents; by two brothers, Darrell Evers of Rochester, Minnesota, and Donald Evers, of Livingston, Montana; by a sister, Lucy Hein, of Motley, Minnesota; and most recently by his wife, Pauline Evers, of Lake Isabella.

Victor is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Shoemake; son-in-law Greg; and granddaughters, Jessica and Shelbie, of South Carolina. He is also survived by four sisters, Dorothy, and husband, Elton LeFevere, of Spring Valley, Minnesota; Anita Kritz of Austin, Minnesota; Audrey Sands of St. Marie, Minnesota; and Phyllis Theiss of Rochester, Minnesota; one brother, Carroll Evers, and wife, Carolyn, of Wycoff, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Odessa Alice Griffin

Odessa Alice Griffin, age 92, passed away July 23, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.H. "Old Jack" Griffin. She was mother to Lillian and Bob Parker of Arizona, and Vern "Bud" and Corrine Rios of Squirrel Valley; Grandma Des to 18 – 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great granddaughters; and sister to Alberta Ott of Kansas.

Dessie was born June 12, 1905 and raised on the farm in Coffey County, Kansas. She lived her adult life in various parts of California, including the San Fernando Valley, Ventura County, and the last three years in Kernville.

Funeral services were held July 26, 1997, at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura.

Ruby Christina Brennan

A memorial service was held Friday, August 8, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, for Ruby Christina Brennan. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Graveside services will be Saturday, August 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery. Ruby was born July 28, 1919 in Liberal, Kansas and passed away August 6, 1997, at her home in Bodfish.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years, and a member of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church and the Ladies of the Moose and VFW and the Pink Ladies and the Beamers. She enjoyed crafts and traveling with the Beamers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry, and son Ed Cunningham. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lisa Cunningham, and grandson, Kurt Cunningham, of Los Angeles; brothers, Harold Goodhart, of Kansas, and Dean Goodhart, of Arkansas; and sister, Lottie McVey, of Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to cancer research or Kern Hospice.

Dorothy 'Fern' Jones

Dorothy Jones, widow of Harvey Jones, passed away on July 10, 1997. She is survived by three sisters, Marguerite Wachutka and Arlene Ferguson of Burlington, Iowa, and Betty Patton of Glendale, California; five nieces and three nephews.

Fern worked for Contel Telephone Company for many years. She lived in Bodfish for over 30 years.

Graveside services will be held August 15, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Ruth B. Steele

Private services were held for Ruth B. Steele who passed away on August 2, 1997, in Wofford Heights. Born in Mt. Pelier, Indiana, on December 23, 1912, to John and Eva Buckland.

She worked in various markets and retail grocery outlets as a checker for many years, before coming to California.

Ruth loved the valley and all the friends she had made over the years, especially Kenneth Pitts, who not only was her companion, but caregiver, nurse, and best friend. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

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She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Richard Kramer, of Lake Isabella; son, Steven Allen Harell, of Lake Isabella; and three grandchildren, Shawn, Jeff, and Chrisie; her sister, Laura Condit, of Bodfish; her brother, Robert Gammel, of Bodfish; and her parents, Olive and Robert Redmayer, of Weldon. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Irene Mildred Adam

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Wednesday, August 13, 1997, for Irene M. Adam of Lake Isabella. Celebrant of the mass was Rev. Jim Kudilil. Interment at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Adam died Saturday, August 9, 1997, at Kern Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Leo, of Lake Isabella; and their nine children: Alan Adam of Lakewood, California; Alice Young of Topeka, Kansas; Lois Helland of Rice, Minnesota; Joyce Burlog of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Evelyn McCollough of Kirkland, Washington; Tom Adam of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; Mary Herbald of Bellflower, California; Tim Adam of Gulfport, Mississippi; and Jim Adam of Tupelo, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Adam is also survived by one brother, Joe Haugen, of Ventura, California; three sisters: Jeanette Nelson of South Dakota; Ruth Brenna of Washington; and Maida Olson of Stockton, California; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two grandchildren.

Irene was born July 17, 1914, in North Dakota and moved to Bellflower, California, in 1965 and to Lake Isabella in 1981. She was active in Grandmother's Club #94, St. Jude's Altar Society and the Women of the Moose.

Jack Marlyn Barnes

Jack Marlyn Barnes, age 77, passed away in his Kern Valley home, after battling a long illness, on August 5, 1997. He was born on July 7, 1920, in Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Delma, of 42 years; his sons, Jack of Canton, Ohio; Barry of Los Angeles; his daughters, Bonnie Harper of Wofford Heights; and Brenda Radmacher of Van Nuys; and 11 grandchildren.

Jack was a U.S. Navy Veteran who served his country for nearly 15 years, serving in both World War II and the Korean War.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 8, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gustave B. Cox

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Gustave B. Cox. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville Methodist Church.

Gus was born September 8, 1905 in Venice, Illinois, and passed away August 11, 1997, in Ridgecrest. He was 91 years of age.

He worked as a production control manager until his retirement in 1978, at which time he moved to the Kern River Valley.

Gus is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence; daughter and son-in-law, Jim and Diane Childers, of Ridgecrest; granddaughters, Michelle Honeycut, of Acempo, California; Alesa Nelson, of Astoria, Oregon; and Julie Greenwood, of Rosamond, California; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Arthur G. Werner

Graveside services were held Friday, August 15, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Arthur G. Werner. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonious of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Mr. Werner was born February 26, 1930, in Los Angeles and passed away August 12, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

He worked for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph for 30 years before retiring. He had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years and was vice-president of the Historical Society. He loved boating, fishing, camping and photography.

Mr. Werner is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley; four children, Linda, Alan, Debbie and Valarie; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey, Michele, Jamie, Nicole, Tessa, Johanna, Jennifer and Eric; also a sister, Ruth Falck.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Watson Downie

On August 20, 1997, Mr. William Watson Downie, age 77, passed away at his residence in Southlake. Funeral services were held for Mr. Downie on August 25, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kernville Masonic Lodge #827. William Turner was the Funeral Master and Peter Nyhuis was the officiating chaplain. He then was interred at the Los Angeles National Cemetery (near the Old Soldier's Home at Sawtelle), Los Angeles, California.

William Watson Downie was born in Scotland and later came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen. Mr. Downie served in the United States Navy during World War II, and was then honorably discharged in April of 1946. He was a Journeyman plumber working for Union Local &78. Later, he met and married his wife, Shirley Gladys Downie, and in 1976, they moved to the Kern River Valley, then residing in Southlake.

William Downie is survived by his wife Shirley of Lake Isabella; and a sister, Mildred Millstead of Garden Grove, California. He has several nieces and nephews throughout California; Robert of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and Gary Schultz of Garden Grove, California; also Christopher, Taylor Leigh, and Norman. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Duncan and Neda Downie of Mountain Mesa. William will be truly missed by all those for whom he cared and who cared for him.

Funeral services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gary Allen Freier

Gary Allen Freier, age 43, resident of Wofford Heights, died on Monday, August 18, 1997. He suffered a cardiac arrest, secondary to long-standing liver disease.

He was born on June 1, 1954, in Inglewood, California, to Arthur and Irene Freier. He spent his childhood in the Sough Bay Area and most of his adult life in and around Portland, Oregon, where he worked in the logging industry for many years. He returned to California in 1986.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother Irene and father Art Freier. He is survived by his only son, Ruben Arthur of Portland, Oregon; his sister, Elaine Cox of Anaheim, California; brother Martin Freier of Agua Dulce, California; and sister Stacey DiRezze of Gardena, California. His stepmother, Lois Freier, resides in Wofford Heights.

At Gary's request, no formal funeral was held but a memorial service will be held at a later date. His remains will be buried and a marker placed near his parent's graves in Kern Valley Cemetery.

Gary will be remembered for his great sense of humor and excellent story telling skills. Gary lived his life simply, with a few material items. He never lied about who he was and lived life on his terms. He will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alice L. Yagar

Funeral services were held Friday, August 22, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Alice L. Yager. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Church.

Alice was born February 27, 1917, in Bangs, Texas, and passed away August 19, 1997, in Mt. Mesa after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack in 1990, and her daughter Jean Beaumont in 1995.

She did ranching for many years and then when she married Jack he was in the Air Force. She attended the Kernville Methodist Church before becoming ill.

She is survived by her two sons, Dan Caussey of New Mexico, and Charles Caussey of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sister, Louise Wallace.

Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thomas A. Kaser

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Thomas A. "Pappy" Kaser, age 83, of Santa Maria. Cremation was requested with private inurnment at a later date.

He died of natural causes on August 12, 1997, at a local convalescent center.

Mr. Kaser was born June 4, 1914, in Indiana.

He was a resident of Santa Maria since 1985. Mr. Kaser worked in the aircraft industry for more than 45 years, last with Air Research Manufacturing in Torrance. He was active in local charities.

Thomas was also a resident of Southlake from 1977 to 1990 when he and his wife moved to Santa Maria. He is remembered for his community service as president of the local Eagles and president of the Southlake Property Owners Association.

Survivors include his wife Vida Kaser of Santa Maria; brothers George Kaser of Redondo Beach, and Chuck Kaser of Norwalk; sisters Mary Gritton, and Eleanor Gritton of Lake Isabella; three daughters; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 104A E. Boone St., Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary.

Wilhelmina Mae Cimo

Wilhelmina Mae Cimo was born Wilhelmina Mae Meinders on July 9, 1913, in Goodell, Iowa, to immigrant parents, Jenny Greenlander Meinders and Henry Meinders from Hanover, Germany. Her early years were spent as the eighth child of nine children in a German-speaking community of immigrant farmers. At age 10 with the death of her mother, a maiden aunt Libby, who was a school teacher and recently married to a Presbyterian minister, John Meinders, took Wilhelmina and two of her cousins in and raised the three girls as their own daughters in Auburn, Kansas.

After high school, Wilhelmina attended nursing school in Emporia, Kansas. Her adventuresome spirit brought her to Los Angeles during the war years where she met and married George Albert Wise. She bore three natural children: Larry Wise of Cogswell, North Dakota; Judy Wise and Lois Wise, of San Diego; and after 19 years of marriage she sadly said goodbye to George before his travel to meet his Savior in heaven.

Three years later Willa-Mae married Earle Lloyd Cleveland and took to her heart three more children as her own, Lester Cleveland of Indio; Doug Cleveland of Napa; and Sheryl Cleveland , of Placerville, California. Having 29 wonderful years of marriage she also released Earle into the loving hands of Jesus.

Then a wonderful thing happened and she was able to call a friend John Cimo husband and have four joyful years of marriage. It is with sadness that we all said a quick goodbye on August 28, 1997. At the age of 84, we thought we had many Wilhelmina was known for her big heart, kindness to everyone and a listening ear. So we, a loving husband, six children, 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren say a loving but sad farewell with thankful hearts for her unconditional love and true Christian spirit. She will be missed.

Wilhelmina, a resident of Mt. Mesa for 24 years, retired from Kern Valley Hospital. She was active in her church, Assembly of God – Kern Valley in Wofford Heights, where she played the piano.

Services were held September 2, 1997, at the Assembly of God – Kern Valley, in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Rev. Bob Coy. Burial followed at the Fairhaven Cemetery in Tustin, California.

"I have finished the course; I have reached my goal. My reward is being with Jesus. My hope is you will be joining me when your course is completed. For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." – Philippians 1:21

Emil Reinhard

Emil Reinhard, aged 88 years, died September 2, 1997, in a Bakersfield hospital. He was a late resident of Bakersfield and a former longtime resident of Onyx. He was last employed as a heavy duty mechanic last working for Harvey Aluminum. He was born in Adams, Winconsin.

Mr. Reinhard's survivors include his wife, Reahn Reinhard, of Bakersfield; son, Raymond Knight, of Cardiff By The Sea, California; son, Kenneth Knight, of Palmdale; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Marie Elliott, of Bakersfield; brother, Eugene Reinhard, of Phoenix, Arizona; brother, Sam Reinhard, of Minnesota; and sister Rosie Morganroth, of Ventura.

Private services and interment are under the direction of Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Theron S. Cody

Theron S. Cody, loving husband of Elizabeth Dahlia Cody, was born in Stockton, California on February 11, 1910 and died September 4, 1997 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Cody, a resident of the Kern Valley for 15 years, was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society for 12 years. He loved the beauty of the Kern River and the Piute Mountains and had fished and hiked in the area his whole life.

Theron Cody is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Sharon E. Walters and Marilyn A. Jensen of Newport Beach, California; and his son, Theron S. Cody, Jr., of Compton, California.

A memorial service was held Sunday, September 7, 1997, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville.

Florence Virginia Cox

Services in the Rose Garden at Kern River Valley Cemetery will be held Saturday, September 13, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. for Florence V. Cox, a longtime resident of Kernville who passed away September 2, 1997 in Ridgecrest. Florence was born December 10, 1914 in St. Louis, Missouri.

She worked at the Woodrow Wallace Elementary School Cafeteria prior to her retirement in 1978.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Gustave B. Cox. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jim Childers of Inyokern; granddaughters, Michelle Honeycutt, of Acampo, California; Alesa Nelson of Astoria, Oregon; and Julie Greenwood of Rosamond, California; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles Ezra Deane

Private arrangements were made for Charles Ezra Deane who passed away September 2, 1997 in Mt. Mesa. Chuck was born May 2, 1931 in New York and served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1950 and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past seven years. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the VFW Post #7765.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 38 years, Joyce Deane, of Lake Isabella; daughters, Christina Parrish of Florida; and Bonnie Vlachos of Lake Isabella; son John Mancinelli of Bodfish; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wayne Edward Enyeart

Wayne was born in Lead, South Dakota on January 10, 1926 and passed away early in the morning on August 26, 1997 of an extended illness.

He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

Wayne was an electronics technician and earned his living in the field of television repair until his retirement. He moved to the Kern River Valley in 1979 from the Los Angeles area and loved this area. He found new friends though his occupation and his participation in the computer group and the Kern River Valley Seniors.

He is survived by his sister, Arline Walters, of Lake Isabella; his nephew, Jerry Walters, and family of El Segundo, California; and niece, Sheri Rice, and family of Chehalis, Washington, and numerous cousins.

Interment will be in Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. Memorial services are being planned for a later date.

Denamica "Mica" Rebbeca Duniphin

A private memorial service was held Friday, September 19, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for three-year-old Mica Duniphin, who passed away on September 12, 1997, in Lake Isabella. She was born November 11, 1993, in Bakersfield.

Mica is survived by her mother, Christina Duniphin, of Lake Isabella; grandparents, Pat and Joe Bernal, of Lake Isabella; uncle, Michael Duniphin; great-grandparents, Murray and Barbara Liffler; and godparents, Bonnie and George Vlachos.

"Mica, we love you. You are our little angel."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ira C. Rucker

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery on September 19, 1997, for Ira C. Rucker, age 79. He was born May 17, 1918, in Bastrop, Texas and passed away on September 16, 1997.

Mr. Rucker was a retired policeman from the Los Angeles Police Department and moved to Weldon in 1977 where he became a member of the VFW, American Legion, Moose Lodge, and the Retired Police Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Norma; daughters Jean Goodwine and Joan Chochon; stepsons Ken Hooper and Clifford Hooper; as well as five grandchildren, Kristi, Karen, Kelly, Kim and David; and one great-grandchild, Jack.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

Elmer Edward Martin

Memorial services were held Thursday, September 11, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church for Elmer Edward Martin. Officiating was Pastor Daniel Belonio. Elmer was born October 14, 1914 in Lake City, Arkansas and passed away September 8, 1997 in Bakersfield.

He was in the Navy during World War II and worked in the oil fields as a driller in and around Bakersfield for 35 years. He was past commander in the VFW and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member in good standing of the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Elmer is survived by his wife of 41 years, Evelyn Martin; and sons, Robert Combs of Arizona; and Owen Combs of Texas; daughter Ellen Maria of Pennsylvania; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Anna Lucille Kelley

Memorial services were held Saturday, September 20, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Anna Lucille Kelley. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Anna was born January 5, 1912 in Butterville, Arkansas and passed away on September 15, 1997 in Mt. Mesa.

She was a member of the Mountain Airs and the CB'ers. She also was a member of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

Anna was preceded in death by her son, Bob. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Pittman Kelley, of Lake Isabella; son, Bud Kelley, of Downey, California; brothers, Homer Jackson, of Hemet, California; Ralph Jackson, of Tehachapi; and Maurice Jackson of Arkansas; and sister, Clarrice Campbell, of Kentucky.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Pauline Elaine "Polly" Turner

Polly died early this week at her home in Burbank. She was born to John and Evelyn Youngs Bylsma on January 14, 1932 in Imperial Valley, California.

She grew up in the Imperial Valley where she married Milton Hamm on October 1, 1950. They were later divorced. She was briefly married to James Turner in 1964. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from National University in 1981, Magna cum laude. She worked in the title business in San Diego and Los Angeles. She retired from Chicago Title Company in March of 1996 and continued to work for them on a contract basis until her death. She traveled the world, spending extended time in Europe and Australia and taking many shorter trips. She was active in the Vallejo Drive Seventh Day Adventist Church in Glendale for a number of years. Her service was held there on Monday, September 15, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

Polly is survived by her children, John Hamm and wife Johnnie of Fairfield, California; Leslie Stewart and husband Bruce; and Dale Hamm and wife Billie, all of Lake Isabella; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Marjorie and Don Roggio of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Mae and Bob Hunter of Emmett, Idaho; uncles, Herbert and Mae Youngs of Los Angeles; and Leonard and Virginia Youngs of Berry Creek, California; several nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Bylsma. Polly will be greatly missed by all of us.

Amanda Nichole Kuhar

Services were held Thursday, September 17, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Amanda Nichole Kuhar. Pastor Chuck Simonson officiated the service both at the church and the graveside committal following.

She is survived by her parents, Mark and Lorena Kuhar; sister, Elizabeth; stepsister, Cristi Bachman; grandparents, Darwin and Jane Rogers, and Linda and Steve Kuhar. She is also survived by her godparents, Lisa Goodman and Todd Kuhar.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carl William Schipp

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 11, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Carl William Schipp. Officating was Pastor Chuck Semonious of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schipp was born in New York City, New York on December 10, 1915 and passed away in Lake Isabella on September 7, 1997. He was in the Navy for 12 years and a flight engineer and purchasing agent during his long career in aviation. He was a member of the Aviation Pioneers. He also enjoyed collecting gem stones and gold mining and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Helen. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Margaret, of Lake Isabella; his loving daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Leigh Kleven, of Exeter, California; and daughter and son-in-law, Darcie and Dana Moody, of Seaport, Maine; and granddaughters, Lisa Kleven, of Exeter; and Dory Larabee, of Maine; and his loyal partner, John Sullivan, and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Richard "Papa" Allen Force

Memorial services were held at the Mish Funeral Home, 120 Minner Ave., Bakersfield, California, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, 1997, officiated by Reverend Keith Fulce of the Chester Avenue Baptist Church. On Friday, September 29th, Papa joined his son Rossi T. Force, who preceded him in death in 1978.

Papa was born in Bakersfield on March 20, 1925 and attended local schools. He met his wife Norma in 1946 and married two years later. Papa and Norma celebrated 49 anniversaries together. Papa was a carpenter for 39 years. After retirement he built their home in Lake Isabella, where he and Norma spent the last 17 years. Papa was also a veteran of the Merchant Marines. Papa was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather. His happiest moments were with his family, on his motorcycle or in the mountains which he cherished so dearly.

Papa is survived by his wife Norma Force; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Carla Force; daughter Cheryl Lindsay; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Oliver Rostain; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two more great-grandchildren enroute. Papa was dearly loved and will be missed greatly.

Honorary Pallbearers: Oliver Rostain, Bill Kinney, Terril Efird, Irwin Efird, and John Askew. Pallbearers: Jim Clark, Mark Force, David Lindsay, Cecil Moreland, Andy Benson, and Bill Luker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Heart Fund and the Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Harry Burton Armstrong

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 25, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Harry Burton Armstrong. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Harry was born May 13, 1897 in Bellevue, Nebraska and passed away in Mt. Mesa on September 21, 1997 after a short illness. Mr. Armstrong came west for the second time in the 1930's and was involved in construction and built the Topper Motel in Bakersfield and others in Los Angeles and in Mexico. He married his wife Viola in 1946, and also founded the Armstrong/Flint Helicopter Co. located in the San Fernando Valley. That company later expanded to World Wide Helicopters and Mr. Armstrong was the Chairman of the Board. That company later became World Wide Limited in the 1970's and up until his passing he was still chairman of the Board. He was a true pioneer in the helicopter industry. He was recently recognized and honored for his achievements in this field at the Rose Bowl on August 5th. He was the one who initiated and helped develop the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Aero-Squadron on August 5, 1947.

Harry and Viola moved to the Kern River Valley in 1969 and for the first six to eight years showed Quarter Horses. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason. He was preceded in death by his wife Viola in 1994.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Judy Armstrong of Lake Isabella; three grandchildren Christopher, Stephanie, and Brandon; sister-in-law Gene Ackerman; brother-in-law and wife Bud and Ruth Chapman of Huntington Beach; and nephew & wife Howard and Betty Overmier. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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She is survived by her parents, Mark and Lorna Kuhar; sister, Elizabeth; stepsister, Cristi Bachman; grandparents, Darwin and Jane Rogers, and Linda and Steve Kuhar. She is also survived by her godparents, Lisa Goodman and Todd Kuhar.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Harald Herman Hartwig

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 4, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Harald Herman Hartwig. Officiating will be Pastor Chuck Semonious.

Harold was born October 14, 1924 in White Plains, New York, and passed away September 25, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. He was in the Navy during WWII and the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of the Elks and the Rod and Gun Club. Harold was in Aerospace as a Mechanical Engineer for over 20 years. He was talented in art as well as engineering. He liked to fish and play bridge.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Eleanor Hartwig; sons David Hartwig of Lake Forest, California, and Timothy Hartwig of Bakersfield; and daughter Amy Brooks of Riverkern.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ivalue Jaensen

Memorial services will be held at a future date at the Kernville Baptist Church. Officating will be Pastor Richard Lewis for Ivalue Jaensen.

Mrs. Jaensen was born September 17, 1920 in Indiana and passed away September 23, 1997 in Bakersfield. She was a member of the Kernville Baptist Church and enjoyed doing crafts.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Kathleen Jaensen of Kernville; daughter Velna Lin Wulstein of Kernville; grandson & wife Warren and Wendy Wulstein of Kernville; granddaughter Allison Jaensen of Kernville; and grandson & wife Weldon & Dawnell Wulstein of So. Lake Tahoe; and great grandchild Devon Wulstein of So. Lake Tahoe.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Craig Paul Forshee

Services were held Friday, October 3, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Craig Paul Forshee. He was born June 27, 1974 in Hacienda Heights, California, to Craig and Nancy Forshee and passed away on September 29, 1997 in Bakersfield.

The family moved to Alta Loma for about four years and then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981 where they lived in different places around the valley until settling in their present home in Lake Isabella. Craig attended Kernville Elementary, Woodrow Wallace and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1993. While in school, he was very involved in the Ag Program, with the dream of someday owning a pig farm. He earned many honors. His second passion was motorcycles, especially Harley s.

After graduation, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After bootcamp in San Diego, he was assigned to Keyport, Washington, to the Nuclear Submarine Base. He excelled in the Navy, earning many awards, including the Navy Achievement Medal.

Craig's favorite pastimes were tinkering in the garage with his dad on various projects such as motorcycles, sand rails, cars, riding his three-wheeler through the sand dunes at Pismo Beach and Glamis, and spending time with family and his many good friends.

Craig is survived by his father, Craig Forshee of Lake Isabella; his mother Nancy of Las Vegas; his older sister Sherri Jones and her husband Richard, their child Shelby of Las Vegas; and his younger sister Robin Ryan and her husband Robert of Bodfish. He is also survived by his grandparents Lester and Margaret Forshee of Onyx and grandmother Elisabeth Lloyd of Hacienda Heights; his Aunt Lori and her husband Paul Larson; and Aunt Terri and her husband Gary Simpson. He is also survived by his many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ronald Louis Luntz

Ronald Louis Luntz, age 34, passed away in Mira Loma, California, on September 23, 1997. Funeral services were held Friday, September 26, 1997 at 1 p.m. Interment was at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Riverside.

He graduated from Kern Valley High School.

Survivors include his wife Linda Maria Plum Quigley Luntz; his sons Daniel and Jason Luntz and Ray Plum Luntz; his parents Larry and JoAnne Louis Luntz; and his brothers Jeff and Bryan Luntz.

Margaret JoAnne Miles

Remembered as a loving and giving wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret JoAnne Lunenschloss Miles passed away on September 23, 1997, in Bakersfield. Born February 19, 1919, in Richland Center, Wisconsin, Margaret spent most of her life in Eagle Rock, California, where she was active in family, church, school and community endeavors. After retiring from Security National Bank in 1982, Margaret moved to her beloved Kern River Valley where she enjoyed gardening and attending her grandchildren.

Preceded in death by husband Howard Marion Miles II and son Patrick Clancy, she is survived by her children David McDonald Miles, Juanita M. Finkenberg, Maureen E. Colson, Howard M. Miles III, and Sarah M. Miles; grandchildren Terry and Devin Miles, Wyatt Merry, Brian Dotson, Pat, Chris, Heather and Aaron Colson; sister Bridget Cerretto and her husband Leo; sister Mary Bunker; brother Ed Lunenschloss; sisters-in-law Betty Quinn and Dorothy Lunenschloss; and brother-in-law Norm Tibbits. Other relatives include Joyce Lunenschloss and numerous nieces and nephews.

Margaret's remarkable positive outlook of life will be dearly missed. Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 27, 1997, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bakersfield.

Dylan James Moore

A Celebration of Life was held on October 13th, 1997 at Riverside Park in Kernville for Dylan James Moore who was called home on October 7th, 1997.

Dylan was born on November 12th, 1993 in Anaheim, California, and leaves behind his parents Daryl and Andra Moore; his two brothers Jerrett and Ian; maternal grandfather Richard Marshall and wife Kay Marshall; maternal grandmother Carol Marshall; paternal grandmother Dolores Moore; paternal great grandmother Peggy Moore. He also leaves behind uncles and aunts Brent, Erin, Brian, Jeanne, Ann, Sam and Dale; cousins Ryann, Shane, Grant, Clay and Blake as well as numerous others whose lives he touched and forever changed for the better.

Dylan, you will forever be a part of us and we love you beyond expression. Stay with us always "little man" and be our own special angel!

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me:

When I am gone, release me, let me go, I have so many things to see and do. You musn't tie yourself to me with tears, be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on, so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near; and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, and a "Welcome Home!"

Marjorie S. Price

A graveside service was held for Marjorie S. Price who passed away October 4th, 1997 in El Cajon, California. Marjorie was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Elias and Erma Storm on December 25, 1922. Marjorie never settled in one spot for too long and moved around the country, living in such places as Florida, Washington D.C., different parts of Iowa, and then to California. While living in Washington D.C., she worked for the F.B.I., a job she was very proud of. She later met the love of her life, and on September 25, 1954 in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married John Bruce Price. John and Marjorie loved the outdoors, they loved to camp, and even took their children with them shortly after they were born. Marjorie was a gentle soul, with a personality you never forgot. She will be greatly missed a forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter Elizabeth P.C. Willows; and her husband Jeffrey, as well as their children Thomas and Cody of Imperial Beach, California. She is also survived by her son Thomas John Price and his wife Gabriela, of Petaluma, California. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband John on August 6, 1978.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mildred C. Long

Born September 24, 1917, passed away October 5, 1997.

She will be greatly missed by her two brothers, two children, three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alta JoAnn Grizzle

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 18, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Alta JoAnn Grizzle who passed away October 11, 1997, at her home in Lake Isabella after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow.

JoAnn was born June 25, 1936, in Portland, Oregon, and lived in the Kern River Valley for seven years. She was a very giving person and her home was always open to everyone. She loved her family very much.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Bobby Grizzle; her son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Victoria Grizzle, of Chino Hills, California; and James and Kim Grizzle of Lake Elsinore, California; nine grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Margaret Walters, of Oregon; Clyde and Sandy Walters, of Downey, California; and sisters, Darlene and Gene Perkins of Lake Isabella; and Lillian Ames, also of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Willie Harrison Burgett

A graveside service was held for Willie Harrison Burgett on October 14, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Willie was born in Perkins, Oklahoma, on November 24, 1908, and passed away on October 7, 1997, in Bakersfield.

As a young man he worked throughout the Midwest in the oil fields, and moved to California in 1960 where he was employed as a painter for a major mobile home manufacturer. In 1971, Willie retired to the town of Onyx in the Kern River Valley with his wife and stepson. From then until his passing, Willie did handyman work for many throughout the valley.

Willie is survived by his wife, Mary, and stepson, Dennis, both of Onyx; stepdaughters, Barbara Gallion, of Santa Paula, California; and Dorothy Gates of New Mexico; daughters, Morna Baker, Mina Tate, and Wilma Clark; and sons, Elmer Burgett, Harold Burgett and Bud Burgett; sister, Lucy Beningfield, all of Oklahoma; brother, Wilford Burgett of Colorado; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lilly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Benjamin Myron Kidwell

Benjamin Myron Kidwell was born in Dressler, Ohio, on December 8, 1929, and passed away on October 15, 1997. He was 67 years old.

Benjamin retired from the Navy after spending 23 years of service. He moved to the valley in 1970 after spending many years visiting here hunting and fishing. He made many friends on his adventures hunting and fishing. He was a life member of the V.F.W., Disabled American Veterans and the Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Kidwell, of Onyx; son John and wife Carol of Modesto; Michelle and grandson Sean; two sisters, Judy Cramer, of Defiance, Ohio; and Patricia Little of Roseburg, Oregon; brother, Denzell Kidwell, of Ohio; and many nieces and nephews, grandnephew, and friends who are going to miss him dearly.

Memorial services will be at the V.F.W. on October 27, 1997, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association would be greatly appreciated.

Rev. Arthur T. Lewis

Rev. Arthur Thomas Lewis, age 91, of Filer, Idaho, died Thursday, October 2, 1997, at his home following an illness. Rev. Lewis was born August 20, 1906, at Pinkstaff, Illinois, to John and Elizabeth Lewis.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on June 17, 1928. He graduated from the high school in South St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1926. He attended Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Springfield, Illinois, and graduated in June 1938. On June 12, 1940, he married June Levenhagen of Tacoma, Washington, who preceded him in death in 1980.

After graduation, Rev. Lewis served parishes in Longview, Tonasket, and Port Orchard, Washington; Eden and Jerome, Idaho; Pendleton, Hermiston, and Boardman, Oregon; and Lucerne, Clearlake Highlands, and Lake Isabella, California. He retired from the active ministry in 1973, then served two congregations and assisted many more until his health failed in 1984.

On November 28, 1981, he married Dorothy Fischer and moved to Filer, Idaho. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in File. He was a past member of the Filer Kiwanis Club, serving as its president from 1985 to 1986.

Rev. Lewis is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Filer; three sons, Fred of Twin Falls, Idaho; David of Boardman, Oregon; and Michael of Sparks, Nevada; a daughter, Myrtle Pierce of Lake Isabella; two stepsons, Wayne Fischer of Campbell, California; and Glenn Fischer of Pendleton, Oregon; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Fred; his sisters, Marie and Ida; a stepson, Dean Fischer; and a granddaughter, Johanna Lewis Godfrey.

A funeral service took place at 2 p.m. Monday, October 6, 1997, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho, with Rev. Gary Benedix officiating. Burial followed at the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery near Eden, Idaho.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to The Lutheran Hour or to the KTFI Immanuel Sunday Radio Broadcast. Memorials may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301; or the Memorial Fund at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, where it will be used to enhance worship services locally.

Glenn A. Hoegee

A memorial service was held to celebrate the life of Glenn Hoegee at the Moose Lodge on October 18, 1997. After a lengthy illness, he passed on to the big "CO" in the sky, October 14, 1997, in Mt. Mesa, California. Glenn was born July 4, 1922 in Sierra Madre, California. He was preceded in death by his daughter Glenna of New York in 1996.

He is survived by his son Steve Hoegee of Aurora, Colorado; fiance Donna Harris of Lake Isabella; stepmother Lucille Hoegee of Sierra Madre; stepbrother Arnold Hoegee of Sierra Madre; cousins Hagel and Bud of So. California; nieces and nephews; and his good friend Wayne Freed of Lake Isabella.

Glenn served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945. He trained at the Naval Air Tech. Training Center, Chicago, Illinois, in Aircraft Engines at VF#1 Cecil Field, Florida, Sqdr. T#4 NAS Jacksonville, Florida, NAS Astoria, Oregon, and NTC Great Lakes, Illinois. Glen arrived in our Kern Valley working for Continental Telephone. He became known to many people of the valley as "Sing Sam the Telephone Man". He usually sang or whistled while he worked. He always took pride in his work and did it well. The telephone company used his idea for a "post pay" telephone inst. card here in the valley. He retired from the phone company in 1981. Since his retirement he enjoyed the Kern Valley Cruisers, Thunderbird Club, Horseshoe Club and the Bodfish Beamers. He was a longtime Moose Lodge member and served as Jr. Governor in 1993-1994. He helped with a lot of repairs at the Moose Lodge.

Officiating was Claude Eaton who read the eulogy, Loyal Order of the Moose American Veterans Organization. Arrangements were handled by Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Burial will be private. Margaret Jones played on the piano the big band music that Glenn loved. The Harris and Hoegee families appreciate very much the time she gave to the farewell party. Thank you.

The Harris and Hoegee families also want to thank Liz Hartman and Darlene for the beautiful catering job they did for the farewell party. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who was involved with the service. Glenn Hoegee will be remembered as "unforgettable".

Remember Me With Love

When times get tough as they often do

Hold your head up, and push gallantly through.

We had some hard times in our lives, by hey, they weren't that bad,

This is a day to celebrate, not to be so sad.

I'm only gone in body, my spirit soars above,

Say good-bye, and walk away, and remember me with love.

Tally Ho - The Fox

Stanley Arlan Sicard

Memorial services were held for Stanley on Wednesday, October 22, 1977, at 1PM at the Mountain View Baptist Church. Officiating was Pastor Darryl Lackey. Stanley passed away at his home on Sunday, October 19, after a short illness of cancer.

Stanley was born in Somerset, Wisconsin on May 23, 1928. He had lived here in the valley for about 7 years.

He is survived by his wife Marie; four sons; two daughters; and one stepson. Steven of Burleson, Texas and Cheri of Montana - all the rest here in California. Tom of Wildomar, Dan of Ontario, Bruce of Cool, Suzy Mahood of Anaheim and LeRoy Packham of Lake Isabella; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Ben Sicard of Minnesota, and Harold Sicard of Seattle, Washington; and sister Margaret of Minnesota.

He and Marie had been married only 21 months. They resided in Mt. Mesa. He was cremated and his ashes are to be spread over the Rose Garden at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Gordon Harold Shay

Funeral services for Mr. Gordon Harold Shay were conducted on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church officiating. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 gave full military honors to Mr. Shay during the service. A graveside committal service was held following the services with Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church presiding at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mr. Shay was 71 years old at the time of his passing.

Gordon Shay was born on February 12, 1926, in Yale, Oklahoma, to his parents, Walter and Ima. At the turn of World War II, he entered the United States Navy where he proudly served his country. After the war, Gordon met Mary Louise Blevins, his future wife. The two were married on June 11, 1949, in Shafter, Califor-

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Joan Margaret Kent

Joan was born April 1, 1937 in Monterey Park, California, and passed away October 24, 1997, in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years.

She enjoyed horseback riding, crossword puzzles and was an avid reader.

Joan is survived by her husband of 30 years, Art Kent, of Wofford Heights; son Paul Willis of Carson City, Nevada; and daughters, April Blevins of Weldon, and Peggy Willis of Carson City, Nevada; brother Bill Forgie of Wofford Heights; sister Mary Ann Esparza of Scottsdale, Arizona; her mother, Lela D. Forgie, also of Scottsdale; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Metro Pakulak

A mass for Christian burial was said Friday, October 17, 1997, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Jack Metro Pakulak Sr. of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil of St. Jude's. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Jack was born August 5, 1906 in Winnipeg, Canada, and died October 11, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He was 91 years old. Jack was a crane operator for 30 years in the lumber industry. After his retirement, he moved to Lake Isabella and enjoyed many years at his favorite past time of fishing in the Kern River Valley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in 1973. He is survived by his sons, Jack and Mary Pakulak Jr., of Ridgecrest; Robert and Sally Pakulak of Roseburg, Oregon; brothers Bill Pakulak of Eugene, Oregon; Steve Pakulak also of Eugene; sister Mary Pederson of Oregon; grandchildren Eric Pakulak of Oregon; John Pakulak of Windsor, California; Stella Renner of Oceanside, California; James Pakulak also of Oceanside; Joe Pakulak of Corona Hills, California; Theresa Pakulak of Santa Rosa, California; Anne Pakulak of Petaluma, California; great-grandchildren David Renner of Anaheim, California; Melissa Pakulak of Oceanside; Nicholas Pakulak of Oceanside; Amy Pakulak of Ridgecrest; Demian Pakulak of Petaluma; and his very dear friend, Willa Mae Heinsohn, of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Margaret Watrous

A memorial service was held Saturday, November 1, 1997, at 11 a.m. for Margaret Ethel Watrous, age 70, who died Sunday, October 26, 1997.

The service was held at the Madera Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Officiating was Jim Watrous. Interment was at Arbor Vitae Cemetery in Madera, California.

Mrs. Watrous worked at the Madera County Federal Employees Credit Union for 24 years, from 1968 until her retirement in 1992.

A native of Long Branch, New Jersey, she lived in Madera for the past 37 years.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, William "Bill" of Madera; and her two sisters, Gwen and Bertha Lamphere of Connecticut.

Mrs. Watrous' passing is also mourned by her children and their spouses, Margaret and Rady Hoskinson of Madera; Thomas and Leanne Watrous of Bodfish; Wayne and Shelah Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Andrew and Doreen Watrous of Biola, California; William and Debby Watrous of Clovis; James and Anna Watrous of Madera; John and Dolores Watrous of Madera.

Also mourning her death are grandchildren, Micah Watrous of Clovis; Seth Watrous of Bodfish; McKenzie Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Philip Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Alexia Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Anisa and Amanda Watrous of Madera; Shelby Watrous of Madera; Sara and Joshua Hoskinson of Madera; Rebekah and Naomi Watrous of Connecticut; William and Robert Watrous of Madera; Benjamin Watrous of Biola; and one great-granddaughter, Kathryn Watrous of Clovis.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Eddie A. "Suds" Edwards

Eddie Andrew Edwards, age 55, born February 17, 1942, in Phoenix, Arizona, died November 2, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella.

He was raised in California, living in the Los Angeles area until moving to the Kern Valley in 1978. He was an accomplished finish carpenter, and worked with many of the contractors in the valley. Eddie especially enjoyed his motorcycles, camping at Fish Creek, and watching NHRA Drag Racing.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Jeannie. Although he did not have children of his own, with his marriage to Jeannie, he inherited a large "family of the heart," son and daughter-in-law, John and Alita Beam of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Michelle Beam of Caliente; daughter Chris Beam of Port Angeles, Washington; granddaughters Shari Beam, Leslie Beam, Tiffany Willis, Latisha Jones, Tesa Willis, Lynzie Jones, Julie Beam, Kelsey Beam, Samantha Keeling; grandsons Brenden Hall, Denton Beam, Travis Beam, Greg Beam, Chantz Brodie, and one soon-to-be great-grandchild. "Suds" also leaves his brother-in-love, Jim Neukirchner and wife Judy. Eddie was much loved by his father and mother-in-law, Jack and Ellen Warner of Orangevale, California; sister and brother-in-law, Bert and Dan Mainwaring of Diamond Springs, California; sisters-in-law, Emily L. Word and Jane Culver of Placerville, California; and numerous nephews.

A memorial service was held on Monday, November 10, 1997, at the Highland Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated and Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors handled the arrangements.

Eddie was a wonderful person and exceptional husband and will be very much missed.

Thomas Valentine Sims

Private arrangements were made for Thomas V. Sims who passed away November 5, 1997 in Bakersfield. Mr. Sims was born in Skiatook, Oklahoma on November 19, 1923. He served in the Navy for several years before moving to Buena Park where he worked for Dresser Pacific Pump in Huntington Park for 37 years. After retiring, he moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985. He enjoyed motorcycle riding.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marie Sims of Onyx; his sons, Tom Sims of LaPalma, California; and Bruce Sims of Onyx; daughter Katheryn Nixon of Yucca Valley; three grandchildren, Marhea, Heather and Travis; and one great-grandson, David; his brothers, Milton Sims of Onyx; Wallace Sims of Browley, California; and Walter Sims of Oceanside.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Barbara Jean Bly

A memorial service was held to celebrate the active life of Barbara Bly on Saturday, November 8, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Rev. Floyd Castillo will be officiating. Barbara passed away peacefully at her home in Lake Isabella on November 1 after a lengthy battle with cancer. At her side were husband Lynn, daughter Lynda, and longtime friend Polly Butler.

She was born Barbara Jean Moore in Burbank, California, on November 17, 1927.

Barbara is survived by husband Lynn of Lake Isabella; twin daughters, Lynda Heran of Rancho Palos Verdes, California; and Lorna Guevara of Huntington Beach, California; a son Larry of Bodfish; granddaughters, Katie and Meghan Heran, of Rancho Palos Verdes; two brothers, Gayle Moore of Mariposa, California; and Bud Moore of Lakewood, California. She was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise, in 1981.

She graduated from Leuzinger High School in Hawthorne in 1945. She met Lynn Bly while working at Northrop. They were married October 15, 1948, and remained married for 49 years. They built their home in Westchester, California, where they lived for 31 years.

Barbara worked at Lennox High School for 10 years as a textbook cerk and career center aide. She retired just before moving to Bodfish in 1978 with her husband, Lynn.

She and Lynn built and operated the L&L Car Wash and Laundry in Lake Isabella. They built their home in Lake Isabella and moved in Thanksgiving of 1990.

Barbara had been very active since moving to the area, including the Pink Ladies, the Women's Club, and TOPS. She also showed her creative abilities by taking up ceramics, oil painting and porcelain dolls. She excelled at all.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. Her presence will be greatly missed by friends and family alike.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Joseph Eugene Norris

Graveside services were held Friday, November 7, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Joseph E. Norris, age 64, of Kernville who passed away November 1 at his home.

Joseph was born January 19, 1933 in Santa Maria and had lived in Kernville for one-and-a-half years. He worked for 15 years with National Cash Register Co. as a salesman. He also had his own business, Los Angeles Equipment Sales, for several years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, both in Santa Maria and Wofford Heights, and a member of the Kern Valley Mens Golf Club. Joseph also served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Diana Norris; his twin brother, John; three daughters, Paige Norris, Kristen Norris, and Sherri Harvey; one son, Russell Harvey; grandsons, Nicholas Norris, Sean Akerboom, and Eddie Ramos; granddaughters, Malia Rikard, Joey Ramos and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Jack Vernile Ashworth

Memorial services were held on Friday, November 14, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Jack Vernile Ashworth of Weldon. Pastor Carlos Fandino of the First Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella officiated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665, Lake Isabella, offering the lasting Veterans Memorial Tribute to Mr. Ashworth and his family.

Jack Ashworth was born to his parents, William Edward and Alcoe Genevive Ashworth, on May 22, 1925, in Tulare, California. During World War II, he proudly served his nation in the United States Army. He was an artillery instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia. On May 15, 1969, he married his wife, Leah Mary, in Torrance, California. In 1996, Jack retired after working as a self-employed licensed residential contractor. He and Leah then moved to the Kern River Valley area, settling down in Weldon.

He and Leah thoroughly enjoyed traveling in their RV and visiting with family and friends. Jack was a wonderful man and he loved his family fiercely. In years past, he loved to take them all camping, teaching all of them to enjoy life. He was always there for his wife and kids. He was always there to help and did everything that he could for them.

Jack is survived by his wife of 28 years, Leah; and by four children, Carolyn Correa of Temecula, California; Marcia Gann of Torrance, California; Mike Filben of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Tom Filben of Cambria, California. He is also survived by his grandchildren, April and Aaron of Temecula; Melissa and Tiffany of Torrance; Wendy of Cambria; and Marley and Kira of Salt Lake City. Also by his brothers, Richard Ashworth of Carson City, Nevada; and Donald Ashworth of San Manuel, Arizona. Jack will be truly missed by all those of whom he loved, and by all those who loved him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Edith Pauline Johnston

A funeral service was held Friday, November 7, 1997, at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Edith Pauline Johnston of Weldon. Officiating was Mel Hetrick. Interment followed at Riverside National Cemetery.

Edith was born November 26, 1921, in Washington, Pennsylvania and died November 5, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. She was 75 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1989.

She is survived by her children, Carol Behm of Weldon; Danny Johnston of Yucaipa, California; Gary Johnston of Lake Isabella; Joe Johnston of Florida; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Varnum Iva Kenney

Varnum Iva Kenney, resident of Bend, Oregon, passed away October 22, 1997, from an extended illness. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Kenney was born on March 12, 1912 to parents, Charles and Frances (Varnum) Kenney, in Fresno, California.

He married Helen (Beth) Kenney in Reno, Nevada. She preceded him in death.

During World War II, Mr. Kenney served in the Army Corp. of Engineers and was stationed in the Middle East. He worked as a master auto mechanic with the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Team.

Cremation was in Bend with no services being held. He is survived by his niece, Cheryl L. Thayer, of Lake Forest, California.

Louis J. Kriebs

On November 13, 1997, Mr. Louis J. Kriebs of Kernville passed away in Bakersfield. He was 74 years of age. Louis was born to his parents, Peter and Mary Kriebs, in the Galena Township of Illinois on June 1, 1923.

During World War II, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, serving the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. After the war, in 1949, Louis went to the Los Angeles Police Academy and became an officer for the City of Los Angeles. He then retired in 1964, residing in Gardena, California. In 1971, he married his wife, Ilse, and in 1984, Louis and Ilse moved to the Kern River Valley area, then residing in Kernville. Louis became actively involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, becoming a life member of the V.F.W.

Louis is survived by his wife Ilse of Kernville; his daughter Sherry of Tempe, Arizona; and his sons, Larry of Hemet, California; and Garey of Medford, Oregon. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brian, Bonnie and Ethan. Louis will be greatly missed by all those who loved him and by all those of whom he loved.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Everyone knew and loved Daniel and Daniel knew and loved everyone. His passing is a great loss to the valley.

Daniel is survived by his daughter Kitty Kreft and her husband Bill of Oceanside, California, and by his son John Cleary of South Lake Tahoe.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Doreen G. Schonmann

A 23-year Lake Isabella resident, Doreen G. Schonmann, passed away November 23, 1997, at the age of 67. She was born June 19, 1928, in Los Angeles. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Marcelo J. Schonmann; her son, Mike Fellows of Blythe; her daughter, Carol Blackmon of Long Beach; and her sister, Joanne McCollum, of Los Angeles.

Daniel Francis Cleary

On November 11, 1997, Mr. Daniel Francis Cleary of Lake Isabella passed away at the age of 72. Daniel entered life in Los Angeles, California, on January 9, 1925.

During World War II, Daniel served his nation in the United States Marine Corps. Later in life, he began working for the Garrett Airesearch Corporation as a Security Police Officer. During this time, he became very involved with his community. He joined the American Legion, where he later became the Sergeant At Arms for the Lake Isabella Post #711. Daniel also became active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, becoming a life member, and he was also inducted as a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

In the late 1980's, Daniel moved from Los Angeles to the Kern River Valley and put down roots in Lake Isabella. He joined the local American Legion Post #711, the V.F.W. Post #7665, and the Disabled American Veterans. He also became very involved with the senior lunch program at the Kern Valley Senior's Center.

Kern Valley loses link to its legendary past

By BRET BRADIGAN
Kern Valley Sun

The Kern Valley has lost one of its few remaining links to its pioneer past with the passing of William Walker Kissack Sunday.

Kissack, 82, died in his sleep after enduring several years of health problems, though he remained fit and active right up to the end.

"Just this week he was out on the backhoe feeding the horses," said daughter Carolyn Kissack-Hancock.

A memorial service is planned for Thursday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo will officiate.

Judging by his legacy, Bill Kissack has had a lasting impact on his community. Besides his long and colorful career as a rancher and farmer, he founded and developed the community of Mountain Mesa, donated the land on which Kern Valley Hospital stands, then served on its board of directors for nearly 30 years. He and his wife of 56 years, Grace, also organized the annual Easter Egg Hunts on their pasture for more than 30 years.

The Easter Egg Hunts were "symbolic of how he felt about people. Bill was a friend of everyone," said longtime friend Country Huckleberry. "He'd go out of his way to help anyone — it didn't matter who they were."

Two signal achievements made him most proud, Grace said. For a long-time cowboy, being named Kern County's Cattleman of the Year in 1991 ranked near the top of a lifetime of distinction. The 1994 ceremony when the Kern Valley Hospital was dedicated to him and Grace also hit a high note.

"The hospital was his life. He never missed a meeting, said Grace. "When we had guests, he'd always take them out there to see the plaque."

Bill Kissack Memorial Service: Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating

Bill Kissack's father, William C., emigrated from the Isle of Man, a small but scenic island in the Irish Sea between Wales and Ireland and ancestral home to many Kern Valley pioneers. In 1909, his passage was paid for by the Joughin and Stevens ranch families. After working off his indenture, he brought his sweetheart, Jesse Ellen, over from the Isle of Man in 1914.

Bill Kissack was born a year later, March 12, 1915, in a house not three miles from his present home. The old house was condemned after Isabella Dam was constructed, then Bill bought it back at auction and had it moved to the present site.

Though the old house continued to serve as a storage shed, Bill may well have had sentimental reasons for buying his birthplace. The old homestead served an important social function in the predam Kern Valley, with hayrides and cookouts and post-church Sunday picnics.

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Grace Kissack

"Dad was at his greatest on those Sunday afternoons," Carolyn said. "We'd have lots of people over, and we'd take the hay down to feed the horses, then have lots of food."

It was also a place which forged the enduring work ethic Bill Kissack was famous for. "If something had to be done, he did it," said Carolyn.

"I always had a feeling of plenty," said Grace. "He was always a good provider."

That ethic was passed down from both parents. "Bill's mother was one of the most beautiful women to ever come from the Kern Valley," said Grace. "But you'd see her out in the fields working alongside the men."

After the learning the business of ranching on his father's spread, he was hired as foreman for the A. Brown ranch in 1940, where he worked for five years.

One person who remembers Bill Kissack well from that time is Ken Rhoads, from another pioneer family, who, at the age of 13, was hired as a ranch hand.

"He was a hell of a fine guy," Rhoads said. "There wasn't a finer man to work for. He was fair. He'd make you work hard, but he would really listen to you."

During that time, some friends suspect he'd make up reasons to drive past the South Fork School, where the new teacher had caught his eye. "He'd wave to me as he'd go by," said Grace, who had come to the rural school in 1939 from Ohio after graduating from University of California at Los Angeles. "It was pretty fascinating for a young woman — coming up to cowboy country."

The school had 50 students and two teachers. Grace taught grades one through three; the other teacher taught fourth through eighth. Rhoads said it was a demanding place. "When you got out of the eighth grade, you had a better education than they do coming out of junior college nowadays."

The Kern Valley — though large in geography — was small in social circles in those days, Rhoads said. "You knew everyone who went up and down the road." A new school teacher — especially one as attractive and stylish as Grace — was the focus of attention. "She had a new '39 Chevy when she came up," Rhoads said. "That was really something."

The young Bill Kissack was also the focus of much attention, Grace said. "He was very handsome, and very wholesome." It did take him awhile to muster up the nerve to ask the schoolteacher out for their first date, a hayride and dance sponsored by another local family.

They were married in 1941, and continued the ranching tradition.

The high point of that tradition may have been the annual high country trips to summer pasture at Beach Meadow, Carolyn said.

"We'd have carts and carts of groceries, and Dad would have the saddlebags laid out everywhere, packing for the trip," she said. They would stay in the camp all summer, a place where work was fun.

"There are so many kids he'd take with us, and their fondest memories were of the high country," Carolyn said. "He loved that life."

Survivors include wife Grace and daughter Carolyn; grandsons Scott Kissack and wife Cari and Craig Young; granddaughters Kristine King and husband Greg, Kimberly Harper and husband Frankie, Heather Dunne and husband Lance, and Angie Young. Great-grandchildren are Billy and Kacie Kissack, Kenny Shanahan, Derek and Daniel King, Conagher and Francesca Harper, daughter-in-law Lynda Kissack and dear friend Country Huckleberry.

Bill is preceded in death by parents William Crellin and Jesse Ellen Kissack; brother Jim Kissack; son William Lee Kissack and daughter Linda Elaine Kissack.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

William Walker Kissack

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. Pastor Floyd Castillo officiated.

Kern River Valley pioneer, William Walker Kissack, passed away peacefully at home November 30, 1997. Most of his 82 years were spent surrounded by the mountains and valley that he dearly loved. His lifetime was devoted to assisting the community and his family. All who knew him found joy in his quiet smiling manner. His strong will to live was proven as he overcame one health obstacle after another in the past few years.

Born March 12, 1915, at the ranch site, Bill was both a cattle rancher and land developer. One of his proudest accomplishments was being named Kern County Cattleman of the Year in 1991. Both he and his son, William Lee, developed the town of Mountain Mesa. The Kern Valley Hospital was dedicated to both Bill and Grace, his wife of 56 years, in 1994.

As a young man, Bill did stunt riding for the movies made here in the valley before the lake was established. Like many of the pioneers who settled here from the "Isle of Man," he possessed both qualities of toughness and tenderness.

Bill was blessed in sharing so many wonderful years with his wife Grace. They shared fully in ranching duties and the raising of their three children. Later the tremendous joy of being grandparents and great-grandparents was precious for both. The love of Bill and Grace was extended for over 30 years to all the neighborhood children who attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunts in the Kissack pasture.

Surviving Bill is his loving wife Grace; daughter, Carolyn Kissack Hancock; grandsons, Scott Kissack and wife Cari and Craig Young; granddaughters, Kristine King and husband Greg, Kimberly Harper and husband Frankie, Heather Dunne and husband Lance, and Angie Young; great-grandchildren are Billy and Kacie Kissack, Kenny Shanahan, Derek and Daniel King, Conagher and Francesca Harper; daughter-in-law, Lynda Kissack; and dear friend Country Huckleberry.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Crellin and Jesse Ellen Kissack; brother, Jim Kissack; son, William Lee Kissack; and daughter, Linda Elaine Kissack.

Bill loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will be missed.

Pauline Marion Ambler

Pauline Marion Ambler passed away in Bakersfield on December 3, 1997, at 85 years of age. She was born July 23, 1912 in Kolmea, Ukraine and had been a resident of Lake Isabella for many years and lived a very active life. She loved to dance, as well as play bingo three times a week. Pauline was always very young and cheerful acting at all times. Her hobbies were ceramics, plastic canvas and Japanese embroidering.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella and was a regular attender of the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Visitation was Monday, December 8, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., also at Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors, Chapel of the Flowers. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley. Interment followed at 1 p.m. Monday, December 8, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Survivors include her son Ron Fly and wife Dollie of Bakersfield; sister Ilene Misner of Largo, Florida; grandchildren, Cheri, Kerri, and Gary; nine great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Pauline was a wonderful mom, and grandmother, never complaining. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Services arranged by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Viola Ella Vehlewald

Vi was the firstborn child of Edwin and Minnie Allemann, born on the family farm in Stonyhill, Missouri, November 16, 1913. She helped care for her four brothers and four sisters while her mother helped with the farm.

Vi was baptized and confirmed at St. James Evangelical Reformed Church (now the Church of Christ) in Stonyhill, Missouri. As a young woman, she moved to St. Louis where she worked doing housework while learning to be a hairdresser and for some time owned her own beauty shop. She married Paul Vehlewald on April 2, 1938. They lived in St. Louis until after their son, Don, was born and then moved to California in 1945.

Paul and Vi settled in the Lakewood area and later moved to Downey. They owned a produce market near Knotts Berry Farm when it still was a berry farm. Paul joked about moving to California to get away from the family, then the family all moved out from Missouri and lived with Paul and Vi until they were settled into their own jobs and homes. Always a close knit family, they wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Vi eventually went to work sewing in the garment industry. She ended her career working in the pattern department of Elisabeth Stewart Swim Wear Company. Working with the pattern maker she would make and alter the swimsuits to get a perfect fit before they were manufactured.

The Vehlewalds owned a vacation home in Wofford Heights since 1965. When they retired, they moved there full time. Many people know Vi as a dealer of Shaklee products. She also did alterations. She never wanted to stop selling Shaklee products or doing the alterations because she always enjoyed people dropping by her home. She made many friends this way and wanted to stay in her own home as long as possible to keep this social contact.

Vi was a member of the Lady Elks and was very active in the K.R.V. CB group. Her handle was Instant Protein, a name that suited her. She was always active and busy. She worked for many years helping prepare the breakfasts on Saturday mornings at the C.B. Break. She attended the senior dances, enjoyed them even though she didn't dance for years because she suffered from arthritis. The ladies all wanted to dance with Paul and she spent the evening visiting.

After the death of Paul and her beloved sister, Selma, she seemed to give in to the pain of her arthritis.

Vi passed away on November 28, 1997. A graveside service was held on December 2, 1997, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The service was conducted by Pastor Chuck Semonious of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband Paul; her sisters, Selma and Florence Allemann; and her brothers, Armin and Raymond Allemann.

She is survived by her son, Don, and daughter-in-law, Pat Vehlewald, of Kernville; her granddaughter, Julia, and her husband, Dale Dumke; and great-grandsons, Chris, Johnathan and Joseph, of Lancaster; her grandson, Gene, and his wife, Deena Vehlewald, of Walla Walla, Washington; her sisters, Betty Baer, of New Haven, Missouri; Evelyn Davis and her husband, Fred, of Fallbrook, California; her brothers, Roy Allemann, of Washington, Missouri; and Elmer Allemann and his wife, Lillian, of Hermann, Missouri; brother-in-law, Ollie Vehlewald, and his wife, Charleen, of Lake Isabella; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Warton "Chuck" Trout

Private arrangements were made for Warton "Chuck" Trout who passed away at his home in Onyx on November 26, 1997, after a long illness. Chuck was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado, on March 27, 1912. He worked for the Department of Defense for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 23 years ago. He was a member of the Masons Kernville #872 F & AM.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vivian; two sons, Donald Trout of Tucson, Arizona; David Trout of Kent, Washington; daughter Terry Gustafson of Newberry Park, California; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

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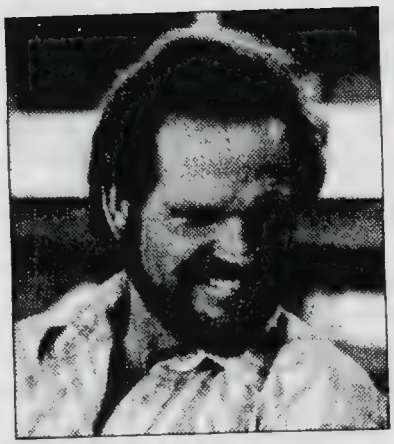

Bryan Nils Oberg

Bryan Oberg was born in Los Angeles, California, on April 9, 1948. He went to his eternal rest on December 7, 1997, after a yearlong battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at Kernville United Methodist Church with his friend, Rev. Dr. Charles White, presiding and assisted by Rev. John Carpenter.

He grew up in the San Fernando Valley, where he met his wife, Karen. They began married life on October 7, 1967. Bryan worked for Oberg Construction Company of Simi Valley for 18 years until he and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1984. He began Grebo Corporation, a construction business with the help of his father, Nils Oberg. They did numerous jobs in the area including the Kern Valley Landfill and Recycling Center as well as the Borel Canal. After several years he expanded the business to include the Yard Improvement Center in Wofford Heights.

Bryan was active in Ham Radio since the early 1970s as WB60DZ and later as KM6WU. He built and operated the "ODZ" 220 repeater for local hams and emergency communication in the Kern River Valley. He got his first computer, an Apple, in the middle 1970s. He promptly put it to work running the house. Lights, alarms, bells and whistles went off at all times of the day and night. Computers were the love of his life. They kept him up late at night and got him up early in the morning. He ran Teletype in those days and later Packet, the ham radio version of Internet. Bryan was instrumental in the development of both as he built, wrote software and lectured at national Ham conventions on computers and packet.

Internet was the next logical step, so two-and-a-half years ago, Bryan made the plans that became kernvalley.com, Kern Valley's first Internet service. When he became too ill to continue as sysop, he sold kernvalley.com, a very difficult decision.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Kim, and husband, Tim Kleidosty; son, Kirk, and wife, Kim Oberg; five grandchildren, Joshua and Joey Kleidosty of Wofford Heights and Bryan, Kenneth and Rebecca Oberg of Bakersfield; his parents, Nils and June Oberg; and sister, Alice Oberg, all of Wofford Heights; as well as aunts, uncles and numerous cousins throughout California and Nevada. Bryan will be missed by all who loved him.

Cinderella Jane Steiner

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 10, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Cinderella Jane Steiner who passed away Sunday, December 7, 1997, in the Nursing Center in Kern Valley Hospital after a short illness. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Cinderella was born October 23, 1910 in Elkhart, Iowa and lived on the farm until she was 23 years old, working along side her two brothers and her father and helped with the canning with her mom and sisters. The family moved to California in 1933 and she held many jobs until going to work for the Pacific Press where she assembled the Look, Life, Colliers and other magazines and loaded them on the trucks. She retired from there in 1952 when she and her husband Ed moved to the Kern River Valley. She was a past member of the Ladies of the Elks. She loved to do embroidery, crochet and knitting.

She is survived by her sister Margaret Taylor of Los Angeles, Isabella Benon of Las Vegas, Nevada; brothers and sisters-in-law, Art and Barbara Garren of Oregon and Jim Garren of San Leandro, California; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Andy Anderson of Chino Hills, California; and Jessie and Vergil Anderson of Mira Loma, California. She will be greatly missed.

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Robert L. Yoho

A memorial service was held Thursday, December 11, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemtery for Robert Yoho who passed away on December 8, 1997, in Lake Isabella. Robert's son, Dr. Roger Yoho from the Corona Community Church of the Nazarene officiated, as well as the funeral team from the Lake Isabella V.F.W. Post #7665.

Robert was a life member of the V.F.W., and had many other interests, such as studying history. This led him to his membership in the Historical Society. He enjoyed traveling, seeing new sights, and meeting new people.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Betty; his son, Roger, and wife, Lynda, of Riverside, California; his daughter, Linda, and husband, Jim Lee, of Fullerton, California; another son, Robert Jr., of Irvine, California; as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Robert also leaves his favorite sister-in-law, Dona Lewis, of Lake San Marcos, California. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives he touched.

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Helen Hamilton McCloskey

Helen Hamilton McCloskey, age 88, was born in Los Angeles, California, on September 16, 1909 to Emma Jane and Kinter Hamilton. Helen McCloskey passed away at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa on December 13, 1997. She is preceded in death by her parents, as well as her brothers, James Hugh and John Hamilton, and her sisters, Kendra McComb, Alice McCready and Margaret Conant.

Surviving Helen is her son, Michael Keith McCloskey, and his wife, Lynne; granddaughter, Kelly Lehman, and her husband, Anthony, all of Wofford Heights; and grandson, Kevin McCloskey, of Bakersfield. She is also survived by three great-grandsons, Anthony Lehman II, Michael Lehman and Cody Lehman, plus many nieces and nephews.

Divorced in 1947, Helen worked as a seamstress, providing for herself and her son. They lived in California the majority of the time. Traveling occupied some of Helen's leisure time, including trips to Canada, Alaska, and rafting down the Colorado River. She spent many weekends enjoying her grandchildren, whether their activities involved swimming, flying kites or traveling to places like Carlsbad Caverns and Catalina Island.

Retiring from Del Rey Cleaners in Marina Del Rey in 1974, Helen moved to Pinebrook Community in Wofford Heights. Favorite pastimes included playing bridge with her good friends, Margaret and Chan Lindsey, fishing, craft work, and bunco.

Alzheimer's Disease
by Lynne D. McCloskey

Old things, well-kept
Brought back childhood memories,
Then changed their forms as I slept
Like baseballs melding into bees.
I rebelled and then I wept.
I do not know what's wrong with me.

Helen McCloskey enjoyed life, enjoyed family and friends, and enjoyed her independence. Although her family mourns their loss, they also celebrate Helen's life – a life of friendship and unselfish kindness to others.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert "Bob" W. Fox

The family is saddened to announce to his many friends the death of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Robert "Bob" W. Fox, Colonel, USAF, retired on December 13, 1997.

Bob's greatest love was his wife, Helen. Their loving joy was their children – Bob, Karen and Randy; their grandchildren – Jackie, Kristie, Greg, Angelina, Stephanie, and Paul; and their great-grandchildren – Alyssa, Tyler, and Shane.

Bob's career spanned 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and 11 years with Northrop Corporation in Los Angeles. Bob and Helen retired to Lake Isabella in 1978. Since then, Bob had been an active member of the community, running a surplus hardware business and being acctively involved with the VFW, Moose, Shriners, and Scottish Rite of Free Masonry organizations.

Memorial services were held at the Lake Isabella Highland Chapel on Thursday, December 18. Bob was buried with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

Corum Lafayette "Hi" Coatney

Private arrangements were made for "Hi" Coatney who passed away at his home in Bodfish on December 14, 1997. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Hi was born November 3, 1911 in Missouri and he has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He enjoyed doing crafts and he taught the school children how to make paper butterflies. He also taught crafts at the senior center.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Vi. He is survived by his nephew, Larry Cress, of San Diego; and niece, Penny McNally, of Chicago; and many grand and great-grand nices and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paul Farris Carr

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. at thhe Kern River Valley Lodge #827 Masonic Temple, 562 James Rd., Kernville, for Paul Farris Carr, who passed away on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa.

Mr. Carr was born in Midland, Texas, on Mar. 24, 1910. He was employed for many years in wholesale meat sales in Southern California before he and his wife retired to Southlake in 1980. Paul was a member of the Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville.

Margaret Carr, his wife, preceded him in death on July 31, 1991.

Mr. Carr is survived by his son, Daniel Carr, of Southlake; son Steven and daughter-in-law Susan Carr of Placentia; daughter Carol and son-in-law Bob Berlin of The Sea Ranch, Calif.; and grandchildren Colleen Carr of Placentia, Scott Carr and his wife Cheryl of Fullerton, and Kathleen Bentley of Salem, Mass.

Elizabeth Ina Kotthoff

A graveside service was held Tues., Dec. 23, 1997, at 2 p.m. for Elizabeth Ina Kotthoff, formerly of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Mr. Paul Paulsen of the Lake Isabella congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Ina was born July 12, 1916 in St. Paul, Minn., and died Dec. 19, 1997 in Las Vegas. She was 81 years old.

She is survived by her daughters Faith Clayton of Springfield, Missouri and Karen Knox and her husband Jim of Las Vegas, Nev.; sister Florence Huseby of Missouri; grandchildren Deanna Peltz of Missouri, Debbie Clayton of Oakland, Calif., and Richard Knox of Spokane, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren.

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Ernest A. Philippsen

Born September 7, 1910 in Rock Island, Illinois. Died December 21, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Helen Conklin, his brother Henry Philippsen and his only son Ernie Jr.

He is survived by his wife Doris, of 56 years, his daughter-in-law Karyn Philippsen of San Clemente and by many treasured friends. He also is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins

He resided in Lake Isabella since 1984, spent 39 years in Los Angeles County and was a retiree from Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. He was given the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1987 by the Loyal Order of Moose for many years of dedicated service to the fraternity he loved. He was a 37 year member (Reseda Lodge #1738 and Kern Valley #498).

In keeping with his wishes there will be no services. Remains will be privately interred in Chatsworth, California. He wished to share his favorite farewell message with all who know and loved him.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me;
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of the day.
If parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved on's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now. He set me free.

– Author Unknown

Irene Madelyn Nevis

Born in Oklahoma on November 10, 1912. Died on December 30, 1997 at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Center where she was a resident since a stroke in 1993. She was an Los Angeles County employee for 13 years. Irene retired in 1973 and lived the next 20 years in the Kernville/Wofford Heights area. She is survived by nieces Jenene Meyer of Elk Grove, Calif., Charlene Rayner of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Faith Morrison of Hanford, Calif. At Irene's request, no services were held. Cremation with remains scattered in the Rose Garden at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George F. Tangney

Private arrangements were made for George F. Tangney who passed away December 26, 1997 after a long illness.

George was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 7,1923.

He had enjoyed many activities in his life, trap shooting, hunting, camping, flying and scuba diving. He had been a member of the American Trap Association and the Elks.

George was an experimental machinist for 30 years before retiring to Wofford Heights in 1973.

Surviving George is his loving wife Ethel, stepson Henry Lewis of Encino, stepdaughter Leda Neilson and husband Bill of Palmdale, grandson Michael Foster of Canyon Country and grandsons Lindon, ~~Leslie, Lee~~ and Larry Lewis, brothers Jim of Biloxi, Mississippi and John of Muskegon, Michigan and cousin Cathryn Bolls of Salem, Oregon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Junita Jonnum Herring

Junita was born March 27,1910, in Marble, Minnesota to Olaf and Nettie Junnum. She married George Herring in Montana on July 15, 1933. George preceded her in death on June 30, 1990. She was a resident of Wofford Heights since January of 1973. She also was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Junita died on December 13, 1997.

She is survived by a number of in-laws, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a great many extra special friends.

William "Bill" Harold Pettit

Age...79 years, 4 months, 14 days. William "Bill" Harold Pettit was born to his parents Raymond and Margaret Pettit on July 30, 1918, in the sleepy little midwest town of Albia, Iowa. His mother was a native American Sioux Indian, and his father Raymond worked as a railroad engineer. A few years later, they moved to an even smaller town in Minnesota called Morton, home of his mother's Ogalala Sioux Indian tribe. Bill grew up riding the rails, and after seeing much of the midwestern states, at age 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country before and during World War II in the Pacific theater. After his mustering out period from the Navy, Bill then enlisted into the United States Army and continued to serve during World War II in the European theater. He survived D-day, went into France and somehow managed to land himself in the Battle of the Bulge, all without any mortal wounds. He took a shrapnel wound into his shoulder and was awarded the Purple Heart. After extensive surgery, he continued to serve in the US Army, later fighting in the Korean conflict. In 1957, he retired from active service and began working for Douglas Aircraft as a design engineer, and in his spare time he taught ice skating at the Ice Chalet in Paramount, California. After several years, he left Douglas and he heard the calling of the sea once again and became a Merchant Marine Engineer for the Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association (M. E. B. A.)

In 1964, he met Carmella "Sue" Goff. After numerous failed attempts at getting her to marry him, she finally agreed to go out with him after an entire year of his relentless devotion to the one question, "Will you please marry me?". In 1966, Bill and Sue went to dinner at the "Plush Horse" restaurant in Redondo Beach, California. After dinner they were leaving and Bill fell into the bushes in front of the restaurant. He stayed there for a while, thinking no one had seen him. Sue then pulled him from the bushes and told him, "Yes, I'll marry you. I have to, you need someone to take care of you!" On September 10, 1966, Bill and Sue were married by the Justice of the Peace in Carson City, Nevada. They bought a home in Wilmington, California and raised a family there. In 1976, when three of their four children had graduated from Banning High School and gone out on their own, Bill and Sue sold their home and moved to the Kern River Valley area, then settling down in Bodfish.

In 1983, after 23 years of service with the Merchant Marine, Bill retired after a near-fatal incident involving freon poisoning in Japan. In the following 14 years, Bill and Sue had a wonderful life together, enjoying everything from traveling abroad to going to the high country and cutting firewood together. But in late 1997, Bill was diagnosed with a fast spreading, untreatable, terminal cancer. In the short time that followed, Bill, Sue and the entire family were able to say all the things that needed to be said. And after the shortest of any of the "fights" of his life, this one was lost. Bill passed away in the mid-afternoon of the 14th of December, 1997. We know that he has gone to be with his Maker. Although he is truly missed, he will never be forgotten. He touched all of our lives in more ways than could possibly be described in this lifetime. We love ya much'!

Bill is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carmella Sue Pettit, his daughter Crissie of Las Vegas, Nevada, his daughter Cheri and her husband Raul of Long Beach, California, his son Steven and his wife Rebecca of La Habra, California, his son Patrick of Bodfish and his son Michael of Bodfish. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Anton Hall of Las Vegas, Kim Culbertson of Long Beach, Lee Culbertson of the US Marine Corps, and Jessica and Eric of La Habra. Bill also has one surviving sister, Juanita Ashcraft and her husband Don, of Hanford, California, also numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Robert.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

We would like to share a poem about our father...

My Father's Hands

My Father's hands
touched my soul,
My Father's hands
so strong and bold,

He would take me in
his hands so tight,
And stay with me
throughout the night,
An unspoken word
was within this man,
A silent strength
was his plan,
Gone from me
this special man,
But I'll never forget
My Father's hands.

Charles Bruce Allen

Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Charles Bruce Allen. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with the Kernvillle Masonic Lodge #872 F. & A.M. officiating.

Mr. Allen was born December 1, 1908, in Tempe, Arizona, and passed away, January 3, 1998 at his home in Bodfish.

He was a Sergeant with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for 26 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley. He was a member of the Masons and the Scottish Rite. He loved fishing and camping and he was a great gardener.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel, and is survived by his son, James Allen, of Anaheim and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Willa Mae Heinsohn

Graveside services were held on January 7, 1998 for Willa Mae Heinsohn of Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiated.

Willa Mae Heinsohn was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, on April 8, 1911. She has been a resident of Kern County for more than 45 years. She had spent 50 years of her life as a seamstress. One of her loves of life was that of fishing ... and for a while, even supplemented her income by digging earthworms for fishing bait. She was an independent spirit and enjoyed life to its fullest.

She died on January 3, 1998, at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center.

Willa Mae is survived by her sister, Verona Hartjes, of Long Beach; niece, Linda Emery, and her husband, Jerry, of El Centro, California; grand niece, Mandy Williams, and her husband, Jeremy, of El Centro, California; and great-grandnephew, Christian Williams, of El Centro, California.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Marguerite Louise Venable

Funeral services were held for Marguerite Louise Venable on January 10, 1998, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Carlos Fandino of the First Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella officiating. Marguerite was born in New York, New York, on August 28, 1925, to her parents, Michael and Lyda Baraldi. During her life, she survived two husbands, Bud Rose and Bill Venable.

She was a former resident of Chatsworth, California, and 12 years ago, Marguerite picked up her roots and transplanted them to the Kern Valley area, eventually residing in Wofford Heights. She then nurtured her new roots until they took a firm hold in the community. She played an active part in the lives of her children and her family and special friends.

Marguerite is survived by three daughters, Michele Palme, of Lake Isabella; Donna Fay of Lake Isabella; and Christina Gabaig of Panorama City, California. Also by one brother-in-law, Gene Trey Baraldi, of Iowa and four grandchildren, Sean Arms, Paul Arms, and Amanda Arms, all of Lake Isabella, and by Shana Gabaig of Panorama City. Marguerite also has one great-grandchildren, Dylan Gabaig, of Panorama City. She will be truly missed by all those of whom she loved and by all those who loved her. She will be deeply missed.

Pauline Elizabeth Mershon

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Mrs. Pauline Elizabeth Mershon. Officiating were the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Mershon is survived by her son David Mershon of Bodfish; her sister Olivene Shuster of Canton, Ohio; and her sister-in-law, Harriet Hunter of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Pauline was born July 9, 1924 and passed away on January 2, 1998 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. She was a member of the W.O.T.M. #1297 Kern Valley, former member of the W.O.T.M. #976 Redondo Beach, F.O.E. #935 Auxiliary Redondo Beach, and F.O.E. #3156 Auxiliary of Mt. Mesa.

Pauline Mershon will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary G. Hilderbrand

Graveside services were held December 30, 1997 for Mary G. Hilderbrand who passed away December 27, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Hilderbrand was born April 8, 1917 in Snyder, Texas.

She worked for the Safeway Stores for 28 years before retiring.

She was a resident of Wofford Heights for 35 years.

Mrs. Hilderbrand is survived by her four sons, Terry Moore of Eugene, Oregon; Robert Moore of Lake Isabella; George Moore of Bakersfield; and John Fields of Los Osos, California; and many grandsons and great-grandsons.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret "Peggy" Frances Farrell

A Catholic mass was held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights at 10 a.m. for Margaret Farrell, who passed away on January 3, 1998, in Lake Isabella.

Margaret was born in Longmont, Colorado on February 21, 1906. She moved with her family to the San Joaquin Valley in 1910, growing up in Visalia.

She was a direct decendent of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, from New Jersey. Margaret was a lifelong bookkeeper, seamstress and milliner. She lived in the Glendale and La Canada area before retiring and moving to the Lake Isabella area in 1971. She and her husband, Ferris, discovered the Kern Valley in the 1940's and started weekending in 1955.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Stockton Sampson; brother, Charles Pilling, and her beloved husband, Ferris. She is survived by her son, Jay, and grandsons, Jeffrey and David.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the Margaret Farrell Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Francis High School, 200 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, Calif. 91011

Pall bearers were Jeffrey Farrell, David Farrell, Jim Roberts, Gary Garone, Earl Cole and Ron Frabasilio.

Margaret will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carol Anna McLaughlin

Carol Anna McLaughlin died January 7, 1998, on her 89th birthday.

She was active all her adult life in Carlsbad, California, in PTA and then for over 20 years as a volunteer with the police department. For more than 20 years she was an influential and caring treasurer/supporter of the Carlsbad Girls Club.

Carol moved to Kernville in 1991 where she supported the Kernville Museum and the Kern River Valley Preserve.

She is survived by her husband, Don, two sons: Lee McLaughlin of Oceanside, California, and his children, Wendy, Pox, Linda, Doug and Denny McLaughlin; and Roger McLaughlin of Wofford Heights and his two children, Roger Jr. and Ryan. Her great-grandchildren Nicholas, Kelly, Jessica, Dylan, Derek and Matthew have all started life in touch with her gentle caring.

She quietly gave strength and love to so many friends, relatives and ex-daughter-in-law's aching lonely hearts; all reminding each other that the sun still comes up every day and the birds still sing. We learned that from her.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens

Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens was born in Alney, Texas, to her parents, Travis and Valerie Kelley. In 1949, Peggy, her parents, and her family moved to Modesto, California. They resided there for three years and then headed south to Compton, California, where the family put down long-term ties to the community. There Peggy's parents raised their family and that's where she truly became a family oriented individual. She learned to love her family fiercely and built a strong emotional base that would carry her through all of the trials and tribulation of her life.

In 1991, Peggy moved to the Kern Valley area, residing in Lake Isabella. There she found a place to use her talents at gardening, planting and yardwork. She loved planting trees and working hard to make her home into her castle. Even greater than her love of the outdoors was her love for animals. She held an especially big place in her heart for dogs. She would pick up every stray that would walk down the road. The greatest love of all, though, was the love of her children and grandchildren. As she was loved, she loved them fiercely. That fierce love, however, was not enough to keep her here with us. She heard the calling of the Lord and she went home. On January 1, 1998, Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens passed away in Los Angeles. Funeral services were held on January 8, 1998, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with Father Jim Kudilil celebrating her life. Peggy is now with the Lord. "We love you, we miss you, and we're proud to be a part of your family." Peggy will be truly missed.

Peggy is survived by her mother, Valerie Kelley, of Lake Isabella; her son, Kelley Lee Clemens, of Lake Isabella; her sister, Patricia Cornett, of Orange County; and her sister, Joy Kelley, of Palm Desert, California. Her son, Donald Travis Clemens, preceded her in death in 1993. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Natasha Ann Clemens, Sam Travis Clemens, and Donald Clemens, all of whom reside in Denver, Colorado. Charles M. Clemens also survives her.

Fern Mae Zackula

Fern Mae Zackula, age 72, a resident of Wofford Heights for 17 years, died November 13, 1997, at her daughter's home in Sumner, Washington after a two-year battle with cancer. Fern was born in Colwich, Kansas, on June 16, 1925. She served as a teachers aide for 15 years at Woodrow Wallace Elementary. She was a member of Kern River Chapter #643 OES and

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Bill Levescy

Bill Levescy passed away on December 19, 1997 at the age of 69. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 6, 1928. Bill lived in Weldon for the last 6 years of his life.

Bill retired to Weldon after 25 years as a dedicated letter carrier for the U. S. Postal Service in Huntington Beach, California. He loved Weldon and the friends and neighbors he had there.

Bill is survived by his wife of 12 years, Marjory Levescy. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Bill and Janelle Ruyf of Omaha, Nebraska; Mike Ruyf of Springfield, Missouri.; Vanessa Ruyf of Huntington Beach, California; Jim and Gloria Michael of Bethany, Oklahoma, as well as 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Bill also left behind a brother, Jerome Wilson and his wife Tillie of Wheatridge, Colorado and his sister-in-law Rose Levescy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cremation and services held at Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, California.

Carol Anna McLaughlin

Carol Anna McLaughlin died January 7, 1998, on her 89th birthday.

She was active all her adult life in Carlsbad, California, in PTA and then for over 20 years as a volunteer with the police department. For more than 20 years she was an influential and caring treasurer/supporter of the Carlsbad Girls Club.

Carol moved to Kernville in 1991 where she supported the Kernville Museum and the Kern River Valley Preserve.

She is survived by two sons: Lee McLaughlin of Oceanside, California, and his children, Wendy Pox, Linda, Doug and Denny McLaughlin; and Roger McLaughlin of Wofford Heights and his two children, Roger Jr.

Joseph Harold Wagner

Joseph Harold Wagner was born in Kernville on April 2, 1962 and went to be with the Lord on January 13, 1998. He passed away at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield from complications of the flu.

Joe lived in Kernville all his life. He loved the river and mountains and all of God's creatures. He was an artist and craftsman who could take any object and create something beautiful.

His survivors include his life partner, Kenny Loser; his parents, Bruce and Shirley Wagner; brothers, Dan of Kernville; John of Wofford Heights; Jack, Shawn, Eric and Jason, also of Kernville; sister and brother-in-law, Shirlin and Charles Linton, of Wofford Heights; sisters, Mary and Shelly of Kernville; his Nana Trudy Dickson, also of Kernville; uncle, Larry Wagner, of Inyokern; aunts, Judy Henderson, of Oildale, and Lynda McDonald of Torrance; six nieces, three nephews, one great-nephew, and lots of cousins. He is also survived by special brothers, Larry and Robert Doty; employer and friends, Pat and Diane Dodds; as well as many, many friends who loved him and will miss him.

Please join in a celebration of Joe's life at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 11 a.m.

Mary C. Ball

A private service was held at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California, on January 9, 1998 for Lake Isabella resident Mary C. Ball.

Born in Italy on September 29, 1916, she moved to Ohio with her parents at age 9. She married Harold Ball in 1949, and they moved to California in 1952. She moved to Lake Isabella in 1978.

Mary is survived by three daughters, Teri Burton of Omaha, Nebraska; Judi Krell of Bellflower, California; and Anna Kelly of Buena Park, California; three sisters, Fran Rach of Deerfield, Ohio; Teresa Black of North Palm Beach, Florida; and Carmella Hoskins of Winder, Georgia; and two brothers, Joe Barberine of Lancaster, California, and Frank Barberine of Greenville, Ohio; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mary was a long time member of the Moose Lodge and could usually be seen playing bingo at the Moose or VFW. She enjoyed catfishing at the flume, where she was affectionately known as "Catfish" Mary.

Beryl M. Neeley

Services were held for Beryl M. Neeley at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 14, 1998. She was interred at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Neeley passed away on Sunday, January 11, 1998, after a short illness. She was 84 years old.

In August of 1964, Beryl met and married her present husband, Earl C. Neeley. They moved to the Kern Valley in 1965, making their home in Wofford Heights.

Beryl accepted a position as the first administrator of Kern Valley Hospital. She helped to plan, organize and initiate the operations of a full service hospital. Beryl was also instrumental in bringing the first doctor to the Valley. Her husband, Earl, was a businessman who owned and operated several businesses in the Lake Isabella area.

Beryl left the hospital to join her husband in opening and operating the Sears Catalogue store in Lake Isabella. She continued this work until her retirement in 1975.

After retirement, Beryl and Earl began travelling, exploring many parts of the country. They enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing, much of it along the beautiful Kern River.

A major role in their lives was played by their activities in various social organizations in the valley.

Beryl and Earl were very active in the Elks Club, Beryl being a past president of the Ladies of the Elks and a 52 year member of the Rebekahs. They also participated actively with the Moose Lodge and the Beamers Bottle Club.

As well as being very active in the community, Beryl was known for her musical talents. She began playing the pipe organ in her church when she was 16 years old and continued for love of the organ throughout her life.

Her leisure time activities included reading, sewing and knitting. She also loved to cook. She enjoyed entertaining, having company dinners and enjoying people.

Beryl was born Beryl Josephine Bertrand in Dover, Missouri on October 15, 1913. Her mother's maiden name was Sophia Mae Shumaker and her father was Bertie Edward Bertrand. She had one sister, Vera.

At age 22, Beryl married Raymond C. Martin in Lexington, Missouri. They moved to the Los Angeles are shortly thereafter. They had two children, Daniel Bertrand Martin (deceased) and Janice C. Martin. They remained in the Los Angeles area for the next 25 years, making their home in Bellflower and Norwalk.

Beryl began her career as a bookkeeper, later entering the medical field. She attended school in the evenings while working and caring for her family,

Her previous position before moving to the Kern Valley was supervisor of the Medical Records Department at Bellwood General Hospital in Bellflower and Lakewood General Hospital in Lakewood.

She served in this capacity for many years. Among her achievements during this time, she began teaching in the medical records field at Cerritos Junior College. She continued to teach after losing her first husband following a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, Earl C. Neeley of Wofford Heights, a daughter, Janice C. Wales of Phoenix, Arizona, a stepdaughter, Sylvia Peterson of Sheridan, Montana, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Beryl will be deeply missed by her husband, family, friends and all who knew and loved her.

Clytie Allen

Memorial services were held Friday, January 16, 1998, for Clytie Allen at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Clytie passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 1998 at the age of 92.

She was born in Sterling, Illinois, and moved to California in 1908. She lived in Studio City and Ventura before moving to Lake Isabella. Recently she lived at The Burlington in Wofford Heights.

Clytie was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Paul Allen; her granddaughter, Patricia Horn; and great-grandson, Aaron Horn. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Obert and her husband of Lake Isabella; her son, Charles Allen and his wife of Kailua Kona, Hawaii; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Alys Violet Reimold VanOrsdol

Memorial services were held on January 14, 1998 at the Family Life Center in Wofford heights, California. The services honoring Alys were by pastor Brian Polston, family and friends. Alys passed away after a long illness on Sunday, January 11, 1998 in her home with her loving family. She was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on October 23, 1928. She moved to Santa Monica in 1940, where she lived and graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1946. Alys met her husband Bill in 1950 at Vons #17. She married him on November 8, 1952. Alys and Bill lived with their three children in San Fernando, California, until 1963 and in Simi Valley, California, until 1985. She retired from Vons in 1985, after 35 years , and moved to Wofford Heights, near the Kern River and Lake Isabella.

Alys has always belonged to numerous organizations; some included her loving church, Family Life Center ("her second family"), the Kern River Valley Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Kern River Valley Art and Knitting, South Fork Women's Club, the Elk's Club, and the Golf Club. Alys loved life and lived life to its fullest extent. The family would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Dr. Olivera and Robby, Dr. Runman, Doreen Schneider, and friends for helping take care of our lovely Mother and Wife.

Alys is survived by her husband, Bill VanOrsdol of Wofford Heights; Her brother Jerry Luther of Garfield Bay, Idaho; her sister Phyllis Lorimer of Oceanside, California; her sons Steve VanOrsdol of Santa Paula, California and Robert VanOrsdol of Quartz Hill, California; and her daughter Cindy (V.O.) Merwin of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. Alys is also survived by her grandchildren, Lori VanOrsdol of Simi Valley; Justin VanOrsdol of Carbondale, Colorado; and Naomi Merwin and Julian Beebe of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society, P. O. Box 651, Kernville, California, 93238.

Dr. Wayne "Doc" Sickler

Dr. Wayne "Doc" Sickler was born in McCook, Nebraska, on October 5, 1916. He passed away January 11, 1998, after a long illness.

He was a 50-year member of the American Legion where he was a past commander. He was a commander of the V.F.W.; 3-year president of the Men's Golf Club; and a member of the Elks.

"Doc" served in the Medical Corp. of the Army in charge of a hospital in Iceland where he taught medical lab techniques in research, performed autopsies, treated the wounded ferry commanders. He had many letters commending him on his research on penicillin and sulfanilimides.

He had his osteopathic training in Kansas City College of Osteopathic Surgery in Kirksville, Missouri. His chiropractic training was received in Denver, Colorado; medical training in Liverpool School of Medicine in London, England.

He is survived by his wife, Estella; daughter Debby Hobson and Pat of Los Alamos, New Mexico; stepdaughters Darlene Dacovich and Dan of Fallbrook, California; Doris Adams and Steve of Glendora, California; Barbara Agger and Gary of San Diego; and many grand and great-grandchildren. "Doc" will be missed by his loving wife and many friends.

The loves of his life were his patients and his golf.

A memorial service was held at the Elks Lodge on Thursday, January 19, 1998. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Research Foundation.

Marie Wilhelmina Mayo

A memorial service was held Sunday January 25, 1998 at 2:00 P. M. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Marie Wilhelmina Mayo of Bodfish.

Marie was born July 26, 1905 in Beverwijk the Netherlands and died January 16, 1998 at Kern Valley Hospital. She was 92 years old.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Ed Mayo in 1990. She is survived by her sons Jerry Ridgman of Bodfish; Duane Ridgman of Placentia, California; brother Garrett Joor of Corona, California; sisters Berdena McNamara of Bellvedra, California; Viola Owens of Escondido, California; 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

George Artman

Private arrangements were made for George Artman who passed away in Mt. Mesa, California on January 22, 1998. George was born January 14, 1915 in the County of Burleigh, North Dakota and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 42 years.

George was a bus driver for 24 years for Woodrow Wallace Elementary School. He and his wife belonged to the Dam Dancers Square Dance Club for many years. He was a born again Christian and worked in various Christian Ministries.

George was preceded in death by his wife Cecila in April of 1995. He is survived by his daughter Connie Romer of Fontana, California and 2 sisters, Ada Saunders of Long Beach, California and Annette Simpson of Palm Desert, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Rene B. Gardner

Rene B. Gardner died January 20, 1998 in his Lake Isabella home after a long illness. He grew up in Bakersfield, attending local schools, and was in business there for over 25 years. After retirement, he and his wife of 57 years, Jean, made their home in Squirrel Valley overlooking the lake. Rene enjoyed hunting, fishing, travelling around the U. S. in his motorhome, and taking daily walks with his hunting dog.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Lorraine of Brentwood, California; sister, Berniece Kildebeck of Seal Beach, California; brother, Doug of Bonita, California; nieces and nephews of Los Angeles and San Diego; and cousins in California, Oregon, and Arizona. He will be missed by his family and friends.

At the request of the deceased, no funeral services will be held. Inurnment will be at Greenlawn Mortuary, River Boulevard, Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Paul Romaine

A mass was held Saturday, January 24, 1998 at St. Jude's Catholic Church, for Robert P. Romaine who passed away on January 16, 1998 at the age of 83. Robert was born on October 12, 1914 in New Jersey to Leo and Irene Romaine.

Robert was a long time resident of Wofford Heights and was co-owner of the BMR stables in Weldon. Robert enjoyed many things in his life and his spirit lives on in his children and grandchildren. Robert is survived by his daughters, Bonnie, Karen and Sandy, as well as his eight grandchildren. Robert will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Hunnington

Memorial services were held for Margaret Hunnington, age 75, on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella. Margaret passed away at home on January 19, 1998. She entered life on March 3, 1922, in the sleepy little town of Graceville, Minnesota. Born to her parents, Hubert and Ollie Docherty, she was raised having solid mid-western values and an abiding faith in the Lord. In her life, she raised a wonderful family and taught them the values that she had learned in her life. She became a pillar of strength for her family and friends that she held dear. She prided herself on being a true and devoted wife, mother, mentor, and friend.

After moving to Canoga Park, California, Margaret began working for the Canoga Park Community Hospital, where she continued to be of service to other people. She continued to play an important part in her family's lives.

In 1978, Margaret, after residing in Canoga Park for a number of years, made the decision to move to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Lake Isabella. After being in the valley for a while, she found a true church home, the Kern Valley Bible Church. There she found a new church family and endeavored to help all those around her. She always knew when to give a kind word. She always knew when to help when it was needed. She will be truly missed by all those who love her, and her absence will be greatly felt.

Margaret is survived by two daughters, Ginger Harley, of Glendora, California; and Gloria Linkert, of Rosemount, Minnesota; and by three sons, Dick Johnson, of Dazey, North Dakota; Tom Johnson of Clinton, Minnesota; and Charles Guse of Apple Valley, Minnesota. Margaret has two surviving sisters, Anna Hamner and Mildred Hanson, both of Minnesota; and one surviving brother, Robert Docherty, of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael Bell, James Bell, Allen Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jody Johnson, Chad Linkert, Wade Linkert, DeAnna Guse, and Allison Guse.

Clebborn "Ozzie" Asbill

Clebborn Asbill, "Ozzie" to most who knew him, passed away January 23, 1998, in Bodfish.

He is survived by his wife, Leavone; daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Phil Hartsfield; two granddaughters, Melanie Tierney and Kasey Pixler; three great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Kolton and Michael. He is also survived by his two sisters, Thelma Young and Deann Walters, and brother, Donald Asbill.

Ozzie enjoyed people and many activities that kept him outdoors.

He has touched so many lives and we all will miss him.

Alfredo M. Gallego

Alfredo M. Gallego, widowed in 1982, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, passed away Saturday, January 24, 1998, at Kern Valley Nursing Center. He moved to Lake Isabella in 1982.

His wife, Maria Luisa, passed away in 1982. He had three children – a son, Ignacio Gallego, of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, Lydi Rael, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Lucille Miller, of San Jose, California; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was buried on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Lucille Lindberg

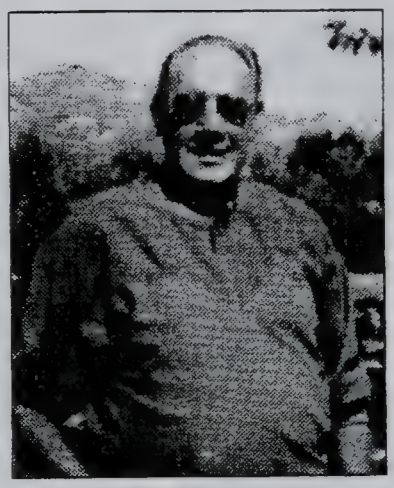
Funeral services were held for Lucille Gertrude Lindberg on January 23, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Lucille was 78 years of age. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1919, to her parents, Alden Dalton Taylor and Hettie Genievieve Taylor. On June 14, 1938, in Elkton, Maryland, Lucille married the love of her life, Fredrick Carl Lindberg.

In 1947, Fredrick's company was expanding, and he and Lucille moved to California, then residing in Stockton. It was in California that Lucille truly began to shine, becoming a wonderful wife and proud mother who loved her family to the utmost extent. She was many things to her family – devoted wife, loving mother, family peacekeeper, mediator, and most of all, a friend. After living in Stockton, Lucille and Fredrick moved to Corona and in 1977, Fredrick and Lucille retired and moved to the Kern River Valley, then settling down in Lake Isabella. There, Lucille continued to be all things to her family.

But a while back, Lucille was diagnosed with cancer. During this time, the whole famiy was able to say all the things that were needed to be said to one another. Through her life, Lucille had always been a fighter,. but sometimes in our lives, we don't always win our fights, and this one was lost. In the wee hours of the morning of January 21, 1998, Lucille passed away. But in her passing, her family gained her strength. All who knew and loved her and of whom she loved, will truly feel her absence, but will be comforted in knowing that she went home. We love you.

Lucille is survived by her husband of 59 years, Frederick; her son, Fredrick Carl Lindberg Jr., of Victorville; her daughter, Patricia Lucille Newman, Bullhead City, Arizona; and her daughter, Carol Lee Simms.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Theodore Eugene Sweet

A memorial service was held Sunday, February 1, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Theodore Eugene Sweet of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Oren Ice of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Sweet was born May 10, 1928 in Buffalo, New York, and passed away January 26, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. He was a resident of the Kern Valley for six years. He retired from 20th Century Fox after 25 years, and he was a member of the Moose Lodge and the VFW. He was a avid fisherman and loved woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie; his daughter, Cynthia Meyers of Lake Isabella; son Christopher Sweet of Pomona; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathy Sweet, of West Covina; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Michelle Sweet, of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; brother, Norbert Sweet, of Torrance; sister, Helen Borowski, of New York; and sister, Sue Fitzgerald, of Patterson, California. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis

On January 29, 1998, memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis, who passed away on January 25, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. He was born in Lively, Virginia, to his parents, Thelbert and Hettie, on December 28, 1911. After growing up on the East Coast, in 1940, he entered the United States Civil Service and became an engineering technician.

In the 1950s he moved to California and continued working in his field. Tennyson strived to be a good provided for his family and became a devoted family man. After 31 years with the Civil Service, in 1971 he retired and moved to the Kern River Valley area, settling down in Bodfish. He and his wife, Hazel, then became very active in the community, becoming members of theirk church, joining the 55+ Club. He joined the Men's Fellowship in the church. Tennyson loved playing cards, gardening, and most of all, cooking. He was a great cook. All together, he and Hazel lived well and were very happy. But on January 25, Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis, loving husband and father, passed away in Mountain Mesa. He has gone home to be with his maker. He will be very much missed by all who loved him.

Tennyson is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Bodfish; and his daughter, Peggy Kipp, of Aloha, Oregon. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Doris Ferguson, of Riverside; his stepson, James Temple, of Ridgecrest; and his stepson, John Temple, of Palm Desert. His first wife, Gracie Lewis, and his son, William, preceded him in passing.

Elton Marion Nelson

Elton Marion Nelson was born in Kern County December 12, 1914. He passed away in Lake Isabella January 24, 1998. He farmed in the Lamont area but was also an avid sportsman going on yearly trips to Wyoming and Colorado, hunting deer, elk, moose and antelope. He also enjoyed camping and fishing in the Bishop and Sequoia country where Elton was usually the chief cook.

When he retired, he and his wife Ethel moved to Baywood Park where they fished for halibut. Ethel often caught the larger ones, Elton being busy handling the boat. But his love for the mountains drew them to Lake Isabella where they designed and built one of their several homes. He loved working with wood.

After Christmas each year they would go camping to Quartzite and Arizona, returning to Lake Isabella in March. For several years they enjoyed this trailer camping with a group of the same friends.

Elton belonged to the Danish Brotherhood Lodge #319 and two CB groups, including the KRV CB'ers. He greatly enjoyed camp-outs with this latter group, including the many steak barbecues and fish frys they held around the lakeshore. He liked these potlucks and was one of the chief french-fry cooks at many of them.

Elton Nelson was known for helping out friends and neighbors with his many skills whenever he was needed. His hospitality and friendliness will be missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ethel C. Nelson; daughter and son-in-law Lena Marie and Boyce Stull; grandchildren Cinde Horne and Louis Stull; his sister Pauline Jacobsen and her daughter Margaret Southwick; numerous nieces, nephews and three sister-in-laws.

A very private memorial was held in his home.

Wayne Egbert Icenogle

Funeral services were held Friday February 20, 1998 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, for Wayne E. Icenogle, 70, of Weldon, CA who went to be with the Lord on Friday February 13, 1998. Officating was Pastor David Snow.

Wayne was born September 9, 1927 in Rushville, Illinois, son of Henry and Amelia (Egbert) Icenogle. He married Elva K. Sherrill on December 19, 1948 in Rushville, Ill. Wayne served his country in the Navy during WWII in the Philippines.

Wayne and Elva lived in Altona, Illinois for 38 years before moving to this area. During his lifetime he was a farmer, school bus driver and self employed carpenter and handyman. He helped establish a Church in Galva, Illinois and he has been involved in his local Church, the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, leading Bible studies. He loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing and the Redwoods. He enjoyed working with wood.

Wayne is survived by his wife Elva of Weldon, Ca.; a sister Phillis Marlow of Golden, Ill.; son Gary Wayne Icenogle and daughter-in-law Sheryl of Galesburg, Ill.; a daughter Carolyne Ann Belomme and son-in-law Wilmann of Lincoln, Ill.; two granddaughters, Angeletta Gargano of Weldon, Ca. and MaryAnn Icenogle of Galesburg, Ill.; one grandson, Stephen Belhomme of Lincoln, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins whom he dearly loved. Memorials maybe made to the family, in care of Elva Icenogle 5009 Yokut Ct. Weldon, CA 93283.

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Bernice Beck

Bernice Beck was born on April 26, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri. She died on January 25,1998 in Bakersfield, California.

Bernice lived in Lake Isabella. She was a member of St. Jude's Altar and Rosary Society.

She is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and brother.

Robert L. Hornbeak

Robert L. Hornbeak died on February 6, 1998 at the age of 70 years.

Robert was born in Newberg, Tennessee. He lived in Bell Gardens, California for many years before retiring to Lake Isabella, California. He felt the lake was his home.

Robert served in the U. S. Navy and later made his living as a roofing contractor.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Janet Lepowsky and granddaughters, Breana and Makenna and his many friends.

Katherine Lorraine Snider

Memorial services were held at the Kernville United Methodist Church on February 20, 1998 for Katherine Lorraine Snider. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Katherine was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 8, 1918. Her residency in Kernville spanned 24 years. Over time, she had been a member of the United Methodist Women, South Fork Women's Club and Grandmother's Club.

Surviving her are her husband of 56 years, Carl Snider of Kernville; son, Michael and wife Marilyn of Holton, Kansas; sister, Harriet Guernsey of Panorama City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Profound thanks are offered to all who have, through love and caring, enhanced her life and have caused the family a less painful recovery from this inexpressible loss.

James Leonard Cherry

Graveside services were conducted on Dec. 11, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery by Pastor Floyd R. Castillo.

Leonard was born on March 16, 1912, in Denver, Colorado, to Angus Leonard Cherry and Adda Rockerfeller Cherry. We don't know much about his growing up, but we do know that he finished high school and was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II where he served our country as a staff sergeant, doing one of the toughest jobs there, serving as a medic. He served from Feb. 16, 1942 until Nov. 6, 1945. After being discharged from the Army in 1945, he worked for the U.S. Government at Sawtell Veterans Center on Wilshire in Los Angeles.

On May 5, 1947, he married Vivian Taylor in St. Louis and took her back to California where they lived while he continued working for the Veterans Administration until his retirement in 1973 when they then moved to the Kern River Valley.

Shortly after they arrived in the valley, Leonard saw the many needs for valley seniors. In 1976, he formed the AARP Chapter #2729.

Leonard was a real asset to our community. Some of the activities in which he was directly involved include representing the Kern River Valley in Sacramento and Bakersfield, before we had formal senior legislation, spending many hours as his own expense as a volunteer, doing a lot of travel on behalf of the valley seniors.

He helped to start the 55-Alive driving courses to improve safety and to save money for insurance costs for seniors.

When Gene Tackett was our County Supervisor and Aileen Swan was his representative, Leonard helped in the planning and building of the Senior Center.

He worked hard to get telephones in the canyon and to get the County Transit system going to provide local transportation for our seniors.

He was highly respected wherever he appeared on our behalf and he was recently honored with a plaque from AARP which now hangs in the Senior Center.

He was an active person who spent all of his time helping others. He did a lot of his work through the organizations that he was a part of. Some of those organizations include life member of the American Legion, charter member of AARP Chapter 2729, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, member of the Democratic Club, and served on the Board of Directors of the Clinica Sierra in Wofford Heights.

He died on Dec. 4, 1997.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 50-plus years, Vivian; his brothers, Charles "Chuck" Cherry, of Laguna Hills, California; Bob Cherry of San Marcos and Dick Cherry, also of San Marcos. He and Vivian had no children. He is also survived by his many friends.

Robert James Dunham

Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. for Robert James Dunham who went to be with the Lord on Feb. 4, 1998. Officiating was Pastor Bob Coy of the Assembly of God Church of Wofford Heights.

Mr. Dunham was born Nov. 11, 1911 in Bristow, Oklahoma and worked for the Steamfitters Union Local 250 for over 25 years and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a member of the Moose and he enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Dunham; his son, James Potter of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter, Shirley Pace, of Lake Isabella; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Fraley of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Roy Arnold Gibson

Roy Arnold Gibson passed away on Jan. 31, 1998, at the age of 86. He was born in Dewy, Oklahoma, on March 8, 1911.

Preceding him was his brothers, Charles Evertt Gibson and Wilson Garrett Gibson. Roy is survived by his wife of 64 years, Viloris Elizabeth Gibson; and his sons, Charles Roy Gibson, of Los Angeles; and Arnold Thiodore Gibson, of Cerritos, California; as well as five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He moved to Southern California when he was very young and also worked there. When he retired, he moved to Bodfish. He was active all his life in community service to the churches he worshipped in and to the Boy Scouts of America where he received many awards of service and leadership. He also was always there to help his family and friends.

Private services and burial will be held at Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, California. Memorial services will also be held at Lake Isabella First Baptist Church. Roy will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

Alys Violet Reimold VanOrsdol

Memorial services were held on Jan. 14, 1998, at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. The services honoring Alys were by Pastor Brian Polston, family and friends. Alys passed away after a long illness on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998, in her home with her loving family. She was born in East Orange, New Jersey on Oct. 23, 1928. She moved to Santa Monica in 1940, where she lived and graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1946. Alys met her husband, Bill, in 1950 at Vons #17. She married him on Nov. 8, 1952. Alys and Bill lived with their three children in San Fernando, California, until 1963 and in Simi Valley, California, until 1985. She retired from Vons in 1985, after 35 years, and moved to Wofford Heights, near the Kern River and Lake Isabella.

Alys has always belonged to numerous organizations, some included her loving church, Family Life Center, "her second family," the Kern River Valley HIstorical Society, Friends of the Library, Kern River Valley Art and Knitting, South Fork Women's Club, the Elks Club, and the Golf Club. Alys loved life and lived life to its fullest extent. The family would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Dr. Olivera and Robby, Dr. Runman, Doreen Schneider, and friends for helping take care of their lovely mother and wife.

She is survived by her husband, Bill VanOrsdol, of Wofford Heights; her brother, Jerry Luther, of Garfield Bay, Idaho; her sister, Phyllis Lorimer, of Oceanside, California; her sons, Steve VanOrsdol, of Santa Paula, California; and Robert VanOrsdol, of Quartz Hill, California; and her daughter, Cindy (V.O.) Merwin, of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. Alys is also survived by her grandchildren, Lori VanOrsdol of Simi Valley; Justin Van Orsdol, of Carbondale, Colorado; and Naomi Merwin and Julian Beebe of (Weaverville) Junction City, California.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 651, Kernville, CA 93238.

Maurice Gonzalves

Maurice Gonzalves passed away Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13, 1998, in Fresno at the age of 79. Mrs. Gonzalves was a native of Wynnwood, Oklahoma. She was born on April 14, 1918 and had resided in Lake Isabella for the past 38 years.

Mrs. Gonzalves is survived by her sons, Jerry Ross, of Arizona; and Michael Ross, of Yorba Linda, California; one sister, Melba Branam, of Fresno; numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by Patrick Ross and Willie Rankin.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at the Madera Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights under the direction of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mindie Corin McDonald

Services were held at the Mountain View Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, for Mindie Corin McDonald, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998. Pastor Deryl Lackey officiated. J.R. Manuel presided at the graveside services which followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mindie was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 19, 1980. She live in Pahrump and Las Vegas, Nevada, for eight years and was active in many church, school and community activities including Awanas, gymnastics, dance team, swim team, baseball and English horseback riding. In August 1991 she resided in Waco, Texas and continued to be active in church and school activities. She then lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, until the summer of 1994 when she returned to the Kern River Valley. Mindie was a very charismatic young lady who touched everyone she came in contact with.

She is survived by her mother, Terry L. McDonald, of Kernville; her father, George L. McDonald, and his wife, Cindy, of Beeville, Texas; her brothers, Chris McDonald, and Danny and Robert Cook; three stepbrothers, Bobby, Kevin, and Aaron Benick; grandparents, Pauline and Bill Loving of Odessa, Texas; and Rose Marie Robinson, of Weldon. Mindie has a large loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Preceding her in death were her grandfathers, Clyde Bob Robinson and G.W. "Pete" McDonald.

Arthur Edwin Kent

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, for Arthur Edwin Kent at the Kernville Baptist Church. Officiating was Pastor Richard Lewis.

Mr. Kent was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Los Angeles, and passed away Feb. 4, 1998, in Wofford Heights. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 19 years.

He was a member of the Elks, the Moose and the VFW. He belonged to the Pattern Makers Union. He was also very active in racing in the dry lakes and later in life was a pioneer in the jet boat racing industry.

Mr. Kent is survived by a son, Richard Kent, of Red Bluff, California; daughter, Janelle Kent, of San Diego; son, Art Kent, of Medford, Oregon; son, Emmett Kent, of San Diego; daughter, April Bevins, of Weldon; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alice C. Otwell

Alice Corrine Otwell died at the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital in Auburn, California, on Feb. 8, 1998, at the age of 83. She was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas on Sept. 1, 1914, and had been a resident of Auburn, California for five years. She was previously a resident of Kern County for 10 years and Hot Springs resident until 1951.

She is survived by her sons, Wayne Otwell, of Lake of the Pines; and Darrell Otwell, of Newbury Park, California; daughters, Mary Ellen Dorough, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Murlene Hopkins, of Lake of the Pines; and Linda Behrens, of Woodland Hills, California; sisters Cordelia Jackson, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; and Lois Furr, of Tucson, Arizona; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park Chapel in Bakersfield on Thursday at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Gideon's International and may be forwarded to Lassila Funeral Chapels, 551 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, California 95603.

John Sumner

John Sumner died Feb. 10, 1998. He was born in Corbin, Kentucky in August of 1926.

He was active in many community activities and held numerous leadership posts. John was Sr. Vice Commander in the D.A.V. and active in the V.F.W. Post #7665, in both of which he was a life member. He was also active in the Eagles, Bodfish Beamers, Charter member of Oildale Moose #1222. He also held a Fellowship Degree in Moose 498 in Lake Isabella.

John was in the Navy from 1944 to 1947 in the South Pacific and was involved in the atomic bomb testing on Bikini Atoll. He worked in the oil fields for over 30 years in California, South America, Australia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jackie; loyal and devoted stepdaughter, Gail Goar; and her son, Michael Dennison, of Tehachapi; a brother, Carl Sumner, of Kentucky; a sister, Lucille, of Wisconsin; three daughters and numerous grandchildren.

Cremation of Mish Funeral Home in Oildale and interment of ashes in the Veterans Cemetery in Riverside, California.

A memorial for John will be held on Feb. 22, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall in Lake Isabella.

Frances Aileen Strobl

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Christian Church for Frances Aileen Strobl who went to be with the Lord on Feb. 9, 1998. Officiating was Pastor Duane Splawn.

Frances was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years and was an active member of the Kern River Valley Christian Church until her health kept her from going.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cheryl Pence, of Arizona; and daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Rod Roemmich, of Lake Isabella; Vicki and Bruce Redman, of Encinitas, California; Susan and Jerry Phillips, of Washington; and daughter, Pat Johnston, of Cucamonha, California; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was always so sweet because she loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Hauser

William Hauser, age 85, passed away in Bakersfield on Feb. 20, 1998 after a short illness. The fifth child of Clyde W. and Mary Shope Hauser, he was born December 27, 1912 in Los Angeles. He attended school in Los Angeles.

He was united in marriage with Irene Mae Barnard on Dec. 24, 1940 and to this union were born two sons, William G. and Donald E.

Bill and Irene were active with children and youth organizations in various capacities and always enjoyed helping with the PTA and Scouts. Both he and Irene were honored for their work in PTA with life memberships. Irene died on Aug. 10, 1981.

During World War II, Bill built aircraft in Southern California. Later he became a tool and die maker, designed many prototypes for Knickerbocker Toys of Los Angeles. He worked in the plastics industry, designing tools for Sparling Meter Co. of Los Angeles, as general manager of Dee & Dee Plastics of Pasadena, and designing and constructing prototype equipment for his own company. In 1965, he "retired" to Bishop, operating an automotive front-end alignment service and gas station, before moving to the Lake Isabella area in 1976.

It wasn't unusual to hear him playing one of his many harmonicas, maybe even one he modified himself. He especially like to make music with his brother, George, and brother-in-law (by marriage), Jim Hall. Bill enjoyed tinkering in his shop, building lapidary equipment and traveling.

He was a member of the Kern River Valley Lodge No. 8927, Free & Accepted Masons of California, Kern Valley Moose Lodge #498, K.R.V. Senior Citizens, Lake Isabella, and Mountain "Airs" Citizens Band Radio Club, Kern River Valley.

Bill is survived by his brother, George, of Wofford Heights; sons Bill and Kathie, of Layton, Utah; Don and Catherine, of LaVerne; two grandchildren, Denice and Matt Tappero, of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and Steve and Donna Hauser of Sterling, Virginia; and a great-granchild Tappero expected in September; special nieces, Gwen, Mindy and Cheryl Schock, of Simi Valley; and Velven Lyons, La Puente. He is also survived by one step-granddaughter, Charlotte and Bob Reddington; three step-great-grandchildren, Brian Williams, Suzy Williams, and Helen and Cory Stevens; and three step-great-great-grandchildren, Dylan Williams, Breanna Stevens and Allen E. Stevens; and close friend, Ava Colescott.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Irene, sisters Kathleen and Myrtle and brothers Art, Charles, and a brother who died at birth.

A memorial service was held on February 24 under the auspices of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827. His ashes will be scattered in the ancient bristlecone pine forest of the Inyo National Forest, joining Irene's.

The family would prefer any remembrances be directed toward a proposed service club project to purchase kidney dialysis equipment for the Kern Valley (c/o Bob Conley, Kern River Valley Lodge No. 87).

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elsie Joyce Sherman

Elsie Joyce Sherman, age 88, passed away Feb. 21, 1998 at Pleasant Care. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and has lived in Wofford Heights for seven years.

She is survived by three sisters, two nephews, a grand-niece and great-grand-nephew. She lived a full life. She and her husband traveled a lot when they were younger. Her family shall miss her.

Katherine Lorraine Snider

Memorial services were held at the Kernville United Methodist Church on February 20, 1998 for Katherine Lorraine Snider. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Katherine was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 8, 1918. Her residency in Kernville spanned 24 years. Over time, she had been a member of the United Methodist Women, South Fork Women's Club and Grandmother's Club.

Surviving her are her husband of 56 years, Carl Snider of Kernville; son, Dennis, of Anaheim; son, Michael and wife Marilyn of Holton, Kansas; sister, Harriet Guernsey of Panorama City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Profound thanks are offered to all who have, through love and caring, enhanced her life and have caused the family a less painful recovery from this inexpressible loss.

Lewis Paul Balthasar

Lew was born in Pasadena, California on Feb. 14, 1913 and passed away on Feb. 21, 1998, at the age of 85. He was the youngest of seven children, two of whom are surviving: his brother, Harry Balthasar, who lives in Newhall, California; and his sister, Mary Rehorst, of Laguna Hills, California. Lew is survived by his wife, Doris. They have been married almost 48 years. Doris lives in Mt. Mesa, where they have resided since 1971 following Lew's retirement from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

He is also survived by several nephews, Jan Balthasar of Valencia; Millard Carpenter of San Francisco; Jack Kingan of El Monte; Bill Balthasar of Aliso Viejo; and Bill's three sons, Jason, Travis and Dana Balthasar.

While at Cal-Tech, Lew served as a supervisor of the "wind tunnel," testing the performance of wind resisting equipment, mostly dealing with aircraft. He worked at this during World War II, helping activate many of our planes which were helpful in winning our victories during that war.

When Lew and Doris moved to the Kern River Valley, in 1971, they became active in many community activities – the Historical Society and the South Lake Property Owners Association, of which Lew was a past president, to name only two.

Lew was a Past Master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge. He earned one of the greatest honors, the Hiram Award. He was also an active member of other Masonic Concordant bodies; Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Hiram Roamers (a play group).

Lew was a dedicated member of the Weldon United Methodist Church, 20021 Highway 178, where a memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Charles R. White officiated and was assisted by two Past Masters of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge; William S. Turner PM and Robert "Bo" Williams PM.

A small graveside service was held in the afternoon of Feb. 27, 1998 at the Bakersfield Union Cemetery, where Lew's ashes are to be interred.

Edna Adeline Holsberry

A funeral mass was held Friday, Feb. 27, 1998 at 10 a.m. for Edna Adeline Holsberry who passed away Monday, Feb. 23, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. Edna was born Oct. 30, 1918 in Oakley, Michigan.

She moved to Long Beach from Lansing, Michigan in 1946 and worked as a bookkeeper until retiring to Lake Isabella in 1973. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge and the Elks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and is survived by her sisters, Lucille Frey, of Dimondle, Michigan; and Beatrice Graham, of Mission, Texas; and brother, R.J. Wohlfert, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Donations may be made in her name to St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thelma Leotus Cole

Thelma Leotus Cole passed away in Bakersfield on Feb. 11, 1998. She was born on Oct. 13, 1910 in Lavaca, Arkansas. She had lived in and enjoyed the beauty of the Kern River Valley for nearly 40 years.

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, William A. Cole, and a daughter, Thelma Jean Dunham. She is survived by her two daughters, Lorene Cole Weldon of Bakersfield and Lucille Cole Eisenhauer of Lake Isabella; a son, William A. Cole, Jr.; and a great-grandson, Chad Smith, whom she had been guardian of for many years. Chad is stationed on the U.S.S. Topeka, a nuclear sub which is believed to be in the Persian Gulf at this time. Her grandchildren include Daniel and Cynthia Dunham, Verna Overton, Lora Sliger, Debra Moe, Steve Perry, Kristine Frisch, Beth Eisenhauer, Greg, Stuart and Billy Cole and Teresa Stalford. She also had 19 great-grandchildren who thought she was very special. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all her family.

Edward Arnold Basham

Edward Arnold Basham was born on July 1, 1954 in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Harvey Arnold Basham and Betty A. Kiper Basham. He departed this life on February 17, 1998 at approximately 12:30 P.M. in San Antonio, Texas.

Edward is survived by a daughter Stacey Marie Basham of San Antonio, Texas; his mother Betty A. (Scharfenberg) Britt of Bodfish, California; a brother Martin L. Basham of Canyon Country, California; two sisters Veronica Dale Muchmore of Tracey, California and Ruth Boyd of Manhattan Beach, California; as well as two nephews, two nieces, five aunts and numerous friends.

Edward was baptized in the Catholic Church and attended both the Catholic Church and the Nazarene Church where he was very active during his years at home.

Edward was a Boy Scout and joined the United States military in his senior year of high school. He left home for basic training at Fort Ord, California upon graduation in 1972. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam, but never went due to the ending of the war. He continued to serve in the military for 20 years before retiring in 1992.

Edward went to work for the city of San Antonio, Texas early in 1993. He served in 3 departments, the last of which was as a city Code Abatement Officer.

Edward was helping the San Antonio Police search for teenage suspects in two home burglaries. He spotted them and was in pursuit both in his city vehicle and on foot when he died of an apparent heart attack. Edward was the first Code Abatement Officer to die in the line of duty in that city.

The funeral was held on February 23, 1998 at the Mission–Alamo Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Samuel Spencer, the San Antonio Police Department Chaplain and Rev. Bill Shockley officiating. He was laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. He was given full military/police honors including the missing man fly by, a 21 gun salute, an honor guard of police cars numbering 50 plus and the retiring of Edward's badge number over the air.

William Henry

William Henry passed away in Arizona on March 2, 1998 at the age of 69. William was born in Hominy, Oklahoma on September 2, 1928. William was employed as a teamster for 35 years. He worked for Ameron Steel in Etiwanda, CA.

William moved to Lake Isabella in 1988, where he belonged to the Moose Lodge and the camping club.

William is survived by his wife of 30 years, Marge Henry, his daughters Sharon Styrk of Fontana, California; Nancy Hossler of Tucson, Arizona; Janet Henry, residence unknown; Linda Frizzell of Etiwanda, California and Judy Cudmore of Bakersfield; his son Ron Henry of Ontario, California; his brother, Beeman Henry of Ontario, California; his sisters Francis Young of Victorville, California and Treva Hallaway of Fontana, California; as well as 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

William was a wonderful caring husband and father. We will miss him dearly. Private services will be held.

Robert Moore Newsom

Robert Moore Newsom was born on September 1, 1914 in Charleston, South Carolina and passed away in Bodfish on March 2, 1998 at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Marion, in 1993 and a grandson, Gregory Lee Perkins in 1986.

He is survived by his daughter, Patty Perkins of Bodfish; his daughter and son-in-law Jeanne and William Merrell also of Bodfish; his 6 grandchildren: Tom Holcomb and his wife Tammy of Bodfish; Kelly Holcomb of Weldon; Kim Aguilar and her husband Joe of Canoga Park, California; Steven Ruley of Las Vegas, Nevada; Linda and Richard Ruley, both of El Monte, California; 12 great grandchildren Holly, Aaron, Michael, Lori, David, Steven, Jessica, Kelsey, Elizabeth, Debbie, Cassidy and Billy as well as one great great grandchild, Carley Ann.

Mr. Newsom was a Kern Valley resident for the past 22 years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

No services are scheduled.

Dr. Olin Emeral Duncan

On March 11, 1998, Dr. Olin Emeral Duncan went home to be with the Lord at the age of 92 years in Wofford Heights. He was born on Dec. 31, 1905, in Hastin, Missouri. He accepted Christ as his Saviour, May 18, 1930, in the Foursquare Church of Sterling, Colorado. Olin married Jessie Green of Sterling, Colorado, on August 23, 1932. Together, they went to LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, graduating in 1937.

Their pastorates included Raton, New Mexico; Guymon, Oklahoma; Newton, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; and North Platte, Nebraska. In May of 1957 they were appointed as District Supervisors of the Western District of Foursquare Churches and served in that capacity faithfully for 14 years, seeing a significant growth both in number and size of churches. Dr. and Mrs. Duncan retired from official service in September of 1971, but remained active in speaking engagements throughout the district. They moved to Wofford Heights in May of 1972 and remained active members of the Family Life Center Foursquare Church.

He is survived by his wife Jessie; his daughter and husband, Roberta and Frank Lortscher of Bakersfield; and his son and wife, Dick and Edie Duncan of Portland, Oregon. Dr. Duncan is also survived by nine grandchildren, including Sheryl Patterson and husband, Gene; Carl Magness and wife, Sharon; Tim Duncan and wife, Diana; Karen Whetsell and husband, Isaac; Kimberley Hofer and husband, Dave; Kathy Lortscher; Karen Roney and husband, Jeff; Frank Lortscher and Todd Lortscher. He also has 15 surviving great-grandchildren, Kristi, Gene and Luke Patterson; Stephanie and Keith Magness; Alicia, Sean and Ryan Duncan; Angela and Amy Brown; Eli Whetsell; Kristina Hofer; and Kristin, Justin and Alan Roney.

Memorial services were held Monday, March 16, 1998, in the Family Life Center, Wofford Heights. Those wishing to honor Dr. Duncan's life may make donations to Foursquare World Missions through the Family Life Center, 20 West Panorama, Wofford Heights, CA 93285.

Interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Bakersfield.

Paul Henry Daniel

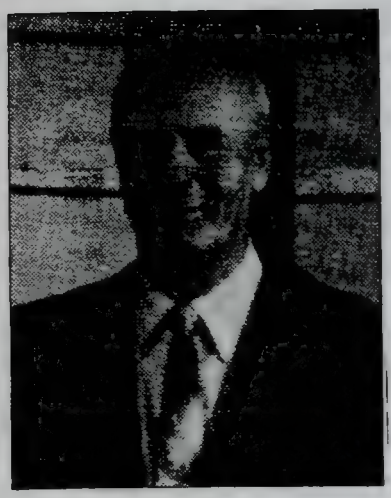
Paul Henry Daniel was born on Jan. 18, 1914 in Fairfield, Ohio, and passed away on Feb. 21, 1994.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1935 and fought in two wars. He retired in 1955 as Chief Petty Officer E-7. Paul retired from a job with the city of Los Angeles in 1976 and moved to Camp James in 1980. He loved Kernville and trout fishing.

Paul is survived by one brother, George Daniel, two sons and three grandchildren.

Donations can be made in his name to "Friends of the Kern River." For more information, call 760-378-2531.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary Funeral Directors of Lake Isabella.



Leo John Adam

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Thursday, March 19, 1998, for Leo J. Adam of Lake Isabella. Celebrant of the mass was Rev. Jim Kudilil. Interment at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mr. Adam died Friday, March 13, 1998.

He is survived by his nine children: Alan Adam of Lakewood, California; Alice Young of Topeka, Kansas; Lois Helland of Rice, Minnesota; Joyce Burlog of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Tom Adam of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Evelyn McCollough of Kirkland, Washington; Mary Herbold of Bellflower, California; Tim Adam of Biloxi, Mississippi and Jim Adam of Tupelo, Oklahoma.

Mr. Adam is also survived by two brothers: Duane Adam of Reynolds, North Dakota; and Robert Adam of Minneapolis, Minnesota; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene M. Adam, on August 9, 1997. He also was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and two grandchildren.

Leo was born June 9, 1912, in North Dakota and moved to Bellflower, California in 1965 and to Lake Isabella in 1981. He was currently a member of the Moose Lodge #1297.

Lucille I. Martin

Lucille I. Martin of Citrus Heights, California, age 82, passed away on March 7, 1998, at Sutter Roseville Community Hospital. She was born on April 6, 1915, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She and her late husband, Harry, resided in Squirrel Valley from 1970-1997. She was proud to have been a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, in 1997. She is survived by daughters Jacqueline Miller of Sacramento; Janet (Mrs. Armando) Hernandez of Bakersfield; and Joyce (Mrs. Joseph) Kouba of Reston, Virginia. Also surviving are grandchildren Sharon and Stuart Miller; Lisa Chavez; Armando Hernandez, Jr.; and Derek Tiffany.

At her request, no viewing or formal service was held. Her family will cherish her love and memory forever.

Those wishing to do so are encouraged to make memorial contributions to the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Helen Ritchie McEwen

Helen Ritchie McEwen was born Helen Grandville Ritchie on November 23, 1903, in Forfer, Scotland, and was received into her eternal rest on March 15, 1998.

She retired to Sylmar, then to Kern County from a career as cook to some of Hollywood's distinguished stars.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Nancy Carlsson; son-in-law, Gene Carlsson; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 21, 1998, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Virgil Ray Childers

Memorial services were held on Friday, March 27, 1998, at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, to honor Mr. Virgil Childers of Bodfish. Virgil was born July 20, 1917, in Jordan, Mont., to his parents, Chandler and Mattie Childers. In 1938, Virgil began proudly serving his country in the United States Navy. Virgil Childers served 30 dedicated years in the Navy, beginning with World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam. At the time of his retirement, Virgil had earned the highest rank that he could ascertain, that of Chief Warrant Officer IV. During his years of service, Virgil was highly commendated. Among these commendations were, the World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Asian-Pacific Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Medal of Honor. In 1941, just before the onset of WWII, Virgil married the love of his life, Ruth Claudia (Redfern) Childers. The two became inseparable and one, and gave each other strength through the years. Virgil was also very accomplished in other areas as well. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in which he was a Shriner, who dedicated a great deal of time, effort, and money to the Shriner's Children's Hospitals, a cause in which he greatly believed. He was a Royal Arch Mason, a York Rite Mason, and a member of the Order of the Knights Templar. Virgil was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Moose Lodge, and the Jim Beam Bottle Club. In 1980, Virgil and Ruth moved from Ventura, Calif., and moved to Bodfish, where he and Ruth have lived ever since.

Not only did Virgil honorably serve his country, and become a proud leader of his community. He was also the loving husband of Ruth Claudia Childers, as well as the proud father of Linda Jo Kabler and her husband Kenneth L. Kabler of Ventura, Calif. Virgil is also survived by his granddaughters, Katherine A. Efrid, and her husband, Brandon J. Efrid of Ventura, and Kimberly A. Kabler of Ventura. Virgil has one great-granddaughter, Sarah Raeann Efrid of Ventura; and also three sisters, Gussie, Bunnie, and Coy, all of whom reside in Montana.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

George William Schiber, Jr.

George William Schiber was born on Oct. 30, 1913, in Collinsville, Ill., to his parents George William Schiber, Sr., and Julia Schiber. In 1936, George married his wife of 50 years, Margaret, who preceded him in passing in 1996. During his life, George was the Commander of the American Legion, and a member of the Elks Lodge. George is credited with building the "Shoe Box" shoe store in the valley many years ago, becoming its first owner, and building Napa Auto Parts locally.

George also served several years with the Corps of Engineers, building the Theme Building at the Los Angeles International Airport. He was also an avid gardener, bringing up many hard-to-grow vegetables in this area. He loved the outdoors, and was a proud family man. On March 27, 1998, George William Schiber, Jr., passed away in Lake Isabella. Graveside funeral services were held on April 3, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights, with Reverend Jack Dilley, pastor, officiating.

George William Schiber, Jr., is survived by his sons, Michael of Templeton, Calif.; Larry of Huntsville, Ala.; and Phillip of Livingston, Calif.; and by his daughters Carol Thomas of Lake Isabella, and Linda Petty of Bakersfield. George is also survived by his grandchildren, Melinda Kerschner, Ruth Ann Brownning, Michael George Schiber, Lawrence Schiber, Stephen Schiber, Michelle Randour, Collette Chaudry, Leslie Bollinger, Jennifer Thomas, Doug Thomas, Carolyn Schiber, Kaylyn Schiber, and Nicollette Schiber.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Odos Redfern

Memorial services were held on Saturday, March 21, 1998, for Mr. Odos Earl Redfern of Bodfish. Odos entered eternal life on March 17, 1998. He was born on Oct. 11, 1942, in Gerard, Kan., to his parents Elmer Harold Redfern and Helen Pearl Redfern, along with five other siblings; he was a proud father of four.

During his life, Odos Redfern was a strong willed fellow, with a good love of life, and pride in his family. He later served his country as a proud member of the United States Navy and went on to work in a field where he helped to improve the community with his service in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Odos Redfern is survived by his wife, Mary Helen Redfern, of Bodfish; as well as four sons, Odos Redfern Jr. of Bodfish; Earnest Adams of Maricopa, Calif.; William Charles Redfern of Taft; and Jackie Ray Redfern of Bakersfield; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by those who loved and liked him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

George Cecil Gehr

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 4, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, for George Cecil Gehr. Officating was Pastor Dave Snow. Graveside services were held Monday April 6, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, Calif. Officiating was Chaplain Henry Sanchez of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Mr. Gehr was born Dec. 1, 1929 in Santa Monica, Calif., and passed away March 31, 1998 in Mt. Mesa.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. He was Vice President of the Kern Valley Gun Club and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jennie Gehr, of Weldon; his son and wife, David and Suzy Gehr, of Big Bear, Calif.; son, Michael Gehr, of Northridge, Calif.; daughter, Georgina, and husband, Bruce Bonfert, of Simi Valley, Calif.; son, Charles, and wife, Susan Gehr, of Louisville, Colo.; brother and wife, William and Robin Gehr, of La Canada, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Erin, Scott, Jacqueline, Cameron, Tevis, Adrian, and Deshae.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Moline Copeland Behrens

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Moline Copeland Behrens. Officiating was Pastor Carlos Fandino of the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Behrens was born July 8, 1913 in Ada, Okla. and went to be with the Lord on March 28, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 18 years. She was a graduate of Baylor University in Texas and a English teacher for 30 years. She loved quilting and was very active in her church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Larry Holochwost, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Diana Behrens, of Arizona; brother and his wife, Eber L. and Jo Copeland, of Kansas; brother-in-law, Clarence Lang, of Mt. Mesa; brother and his wife, Paul and Barbara Copeland, of Arizona; grandchildren, Matthew and Bonnie Holochwost, Andrew Holochwost, Erin Pulcher, Jennifer Remtema, and Samuel Behrens; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Kalie; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hurlon Jack Burlison

Hurlon Jack Burlison passed on Saturday, March 28, 1998, at Kern Valley Hospital, at the age of 88. He was born in Baldwin, Miss., on Sept. 9, 1909, son of Florence and James Burlison.

Before coming to the Kern River Valley in 1970, Jack was involved in building maintenance engineering in Chicago and Los Angeles, and was a member of the Chicago Building Superintendents Association.

His parents, brother Robert C. Burlison, and sister Grace R. Burlison, preceded him in death. His wife for 45 years, Alice M. Burlison; his son, Vernon Lloyd Schultz, of Downers Grove, Ill.; and his daughter, Elizabeth J. Lewis, of Bakersfield, survive him. Also, his grandchildren Randy Goodison of Bakersfield; Jennifer Lynn Struck of Carol Stream, Ill.; Vernon Lloyd Schultz III and Ryan Adam Schultz of Downers Grove, Ill.; a niece, Roberta Winker, and five great-grandchildren survive him.

A celebration of life will be held at Weldon United Methodist Church on Friday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that any donations be made to the Memorial Fund at the Weldon United Methodist Church.

Fred Lewis Thompson

Fred Lewis Thompson, a long time resident of Lake Isabella, passed away on March 28, 1998 in Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster at the age of 86.

He was born in Council Bluffs Iowa, July 30, 1911. He moved to California with his wife, Mildred in 1936. He worked for the L.A. County Transit District for 35 years. He retired in 1971 and moved to Lake Isabella with his wife Mildred, who preceded him in death in 1979. He later married Eleanor who passed away in 1994. Fred was also known by many as the Bird Man of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by sons Gary Thompson and Greg Thompson; daughter-in-law Pat; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Betty Lucille (Cope) Richie Johnson

Funeral services for Betty Lucille (Cope) Richie Johnson, 77, of Park Hill, Okla., formerly of Lake Isabella, were held March 14, 1998 in Tahlequah, Okla. Burial followed in Tahlequah City Cemetery under the direction of Hart Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

Betty was born November 10, 1920 in Jackson, Ky., the daughter of Fred and Mary (Bryan) Cope and died Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at Tahlequah City Hospital.

A former waitress and cook, she was married to Howard Johnson of Lake Isabella for the past 35 years. Betty was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Okmulgee Chapter, since 1960.

Her parents, sister Mary Carter and her children's father, Dennis Richie, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Johnson of Lake Isabella; two sons, Dennis Bryan Richie of Park Hill and Donald Bruce Richie and wife, Mary, of Welling; one stepson, Jerry Johnson of Palm Springs; two sisters, Marjorie Mahon and husband, John, of Louisville, Ky.; and Barbara Standefer of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; two grandchildren, Sendi Denise Palmer and husband, John Nicholas Palmer of Memphis, Tenn. and Jonathan Mason Richie of Park Hill; one great-granddaughter, Adrienne Elise Palmer; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Stella M. Cossey

Stella passed away April 3, 1998 in Weldon. Viewing will be Wednesday, April 8, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Hillcrest Mortuary. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park's Garden of Peace.

Stella was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Wanette, Okla., to Claude Renfro and Ora Tomlinson Renfro. She married Fred Cossey on Oct. 21, 1930, in Wanette, Okla. They moved to California in 1944 and lived in Arvin for many years before moving to Weldon in 1970.

Stella loved to garden and took great pride in the fruit and vegetables she grew. She enjoyed cooking and canning jams and jellies.

She is survived by her sons Bill Cossey of Weldon, Calif., Wiley Cossey of Nuevo, Calif., Bob Cossey of Weldon, and daughters Wanda Thompson of Lamont, , Martha Morgan of Red Oak, Okla., and Glenda Dornan of Bakersfield. She is also survived by grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jack Renfro and sisters, Effie Calhoun, Sadie Shaw, Eva Renfro and Geneva Baker of Oklahoma.

Lois Charlotte Brown

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale for Lois Charlotte Brown. Officiating was Minister Patricia Denton of Science of Life Church.

Lois was born to her parents, William and Evalyn Morton in Milwaukee, Wis. on July 17, 1897 and died in Mountain Mesa on April 5, 1998 at the age of 100 years and 9 months. She lived a long full life. Lois was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1986. She came from Wisconsin and always said, "I'm a city girl." She lived through four wars and four earthquakes.

She is survived by her by daughter, Evalyn Benedict, of Wofford Heights; niece, Ruth Janzen, of Wisconsin; great-niece, Maris Edwards, also of Wisconsin; and grandchildren, Dustin, Linda and Bryan Woods of Valencia.

Moline Copeland Behrens

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Mrs. Behrens was born July 8, 1913 in Ada, Okla.; and went to be with the Lord on March 28, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 18 years. A graduate of Baylor University in Texas and a English teacher for 30 years. She loved quilting and was very active in her church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Leroy Behrens; daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Larry Holochwost, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Diana Behrens, of Arizona; brother and his wife, Eber L. and Jo Copeland, of Kansas; brother-in-law, Clarence Lang, of Mountain Mesa; brother and his wife, Paul and Barbara Copeland, of Arizona; grandchildren, Matthew and Bonnie Holochwost, Andrew Holochwost, Erin Pulcher, Jennifer Remtema, and Samuel Behrens; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Kalie; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Denton Garner

Denton Garner, age 95, passed away April 3, 1998 at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa. He was born Oct. 23, 1902 in Clark County, Wis. He was married to Gloria Garner, now deceased. They had no children.

Mr. Garner retired from the Civil Service, Yuma Test Station, Yuma, Ariz. He was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and making hunting knives.

He is survived by his nephew Marty Garner, of Tehachapi; nephew, Harold Garner, of Palos Verdes; nieces, Patsy Danskin, of Burbank; and Cathy Flint, of Harbor City; as well as many great-nephews and nieces and great-great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held for Denton on Saturday, April 18, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church on Panorama and Sycamore in Wofford Heights.

Norman Lionel Broome

Norman L. Broome of Wofford Heights passed away on March 23, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield at the age of 76. He was born in Schnectady, N.Y. and moved to Hollywood in 1926. His parents were Aubrey and Ethel Broome.

He served in the R.O.T.C. at Hollywood High School and enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942, serving four years during World War II.

Mr. Broome married in 1947 to Mary Ann Porter. They had three children. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1975 where he continued to work in the aerospace industry until 1981. He and his son, Joe, owned and operated Broome and Son Engineering and Welding in Lake Isabella.

While vacationing in 1989, he found his long lost brothers, Don Johnson, of Seattle, Wash., and William Johnson, of Salem, Ore., whom he had not seen in 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, of 51 years, Mary; daughter, Audrey Holiman, of Phoenix; son, Joseph, and wife, Cindy, of Bakersfield; daughter, Norma Jean Banner, and husband, Michael, of Idaho; and twin brother, Henry, of Anaheim; brothers, Don Johnson and William Johnson. Also surviving is a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Ann Broome, of Lake Isabella; grandchildren, Levi, Leah, Allan and Shirley, Christopher, Crystal; great-grandchildren Carrissa, Brycene, Shantele, Logan and J.J.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-

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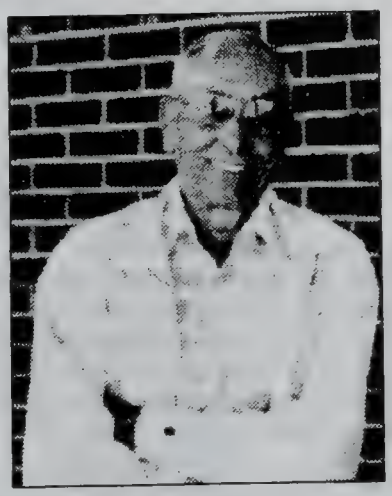
Mildred Leona Garrison

Memorial services were held Dec. 21, 1997, in Morro Bay, for Mildred Leona Garrison, age 84. She was born Sept. 9, 1913 in Denver, and passed away Dec. 20, 1997 at her home in Morro Bay.

Mildred lived in the Lake Isabella area from 1978 to 1993 when she retired from the U.S. Forest Service. She was active with the Senior Center in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her daughter, Shellie Barry, of Morro Bay; grandchildren, Kelly James Barry and Clinton Robert Barry; great-granddaughter, Alicia May Barry; brother Melvin Moore of Simi Valley; sister Etta Marie Wertz of Highland, Mich. Mildred was a wonderful mother and friend to all who knew her.

Arrangements by Benedict-Retty Mortuary.



Leroy Odel Nelson

Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leroy Odell Nelson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Burial followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Leroy was born to his parents, Frederick and Pearle Nelson in Sharon Springs, Kan. on Jan. 21, 1912 and died in Mountain Mesa on April 5, 1998, at the age of 86. Mr. Nelson retired after 25 years of service with Orowheat Bread Company and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years with his wife, Mildred.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred; daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Bill Campbell, of Wofford Heights; daughter, Donna Franklin, of Denver, Colo.; and grandchildren, Rod Barrett, Randy Barrett, Rhonda Lewis, Gary Campbell, Steve Campbell, Cheryl DeLeon, Mark Campbell and 15 great-grandchildren.

Leroy enjoyed gardening very much. He was always helping people and will be greatly missed by all.

Curtis Thomas Garrett

Memorial services were held Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Curtis Thomas Garrett. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Garrett was born Dec. 25, 1906 in Santa Monica and passed away on April 14, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. He was 91 years of age. He worked at China Lake Naval Station for 25 years and was a resident of the Kern Valley for 40 years. He was a past member of the Elks and the CB Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and photography.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ruth Garrett; his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Ruby Garrett of Ridgecrest; two granddaughters, Tracy and Kriste; and two great-grandchildren, Winter and Garrett; as well as a sister, Isabella Wilson of Arizona.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Ann Lucas

Dorothy Ann Lucas passed away April 10, 1998, in Bakersfield Memorial Hospital at age 66. She was born Dorothy Ann Toeckes, June 11, 1931, in Great Falls, Mont. Dorothy lived and worked many years in Bell Gardens, Calif., where she raised her three children. Eighteen years ago she purchased a trailer in the Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park in Mountain Mesa for her and her children to vacation in. She joined the Eagles Auxiliary Aerie 3156 in Mountain Mesa and has kept her membership for many years. In 1996, her children having grown up, she moved to her vacation home, where she became active in the lodge.

Survived by: daughter, Belinda Pansky of Downey, Calif.; Sons, Robert Laudermilk of Mountain Mesa, & Dale Hurst of Bell Gardens, Calif.; brothers & sisters, Theresa, Charles & Willard of Mont.; Albert & Donald of Canada; Izzy & sister Mary of Wash.; sister-in-law Mary Kay of Kan.; adopted sister; Rena Hines of Trona, Calif.; long time loving friend, Jerry Pavey of Bell Gardens; four grandchildren, many nieces & nephews and many many loving friends who will miss her greatly. She was preceded in death by husband Carl; her parents & her brother George.

Services were held April 15 at Saint Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey, Calif., and buried at Park Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Bell Gardens.

Mildred Ruth Nelson

Funeral services were held Friday April 24, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mildred Ruth Nelson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Mildred was born Oct. 20, 1914 in Orlando, Oklahoma and passed away April 18, 1998 at her home in Wofford Heights. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years. She enjoyed sewing, going to garage sales and refunding. She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy on April 5, 1998 and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Yvonne and Bill Campbell and daughter Donna Franklin and brother and sister-in-law Joe and Marie Sallenberger and seven grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren and one niece and two nephews. She will be missed by all. She has gone home to be with her husband and the Lord. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank Ivan Bonner

Graveside services were held Thursday April 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Frank Ivan Bonner, who died as a result of an construction accident on Monday April 20, 1998 in Wofford Heights.

Frank was born June 7, 1937 in Flint, Michigan. He has lived in the Kern River Valley for 50 years and been a Heavy Equipment Operator for over 30 years. He was a member of the NRA and the Kern County Gun Club and the Operating Engineers Union. He was an outdoorsman and avid hunter. He was very well known and loved. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Arlene Bonner of Lake Isabella and son Tony and wife Amy Bonner of Utah, father Ivan Bonner of Arroyo Grande, One grandchild, brother & sister-in-law, Sam & Ann Bonner of Bakersfield, sister-in-law Marilyn Olson of Bodfish, brother-in-law & wife Eugene and Mary Apalatea and brother-in-law Alvin Apalatea and best friend Howard Bailey, and many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Honorary Bearers were Howard Bailey, Naylon Ouarnberg, Royce Smith, Frank Jackson, Joe Thomas, Jim Young, Bruce Steward and Joe Leonardi. Frank will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alva "Ab" Bounds

A memorial service will be held Wednesday April 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Alva Bounds of Kernville. Officiating will be the Officers of the Elks Lodge #2358.

Ab was born Aug. 6, 1909 in Texas and died at Kern Valley Hospital April 19, 1998. He was 89 years old.

Ab was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, and a member of the Kern River Valley Golf Course.

Ab is survived by his sons Bruce Bounds of Nash, Texas, Allen Roy Bounds of Porterville, Calif., 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and his many friends here in the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Etta Mae Rotan

Graveside services were held Friday April 24, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Etta Mae Rotan. She passed away April 14, 1998 in San Joaquin Hospital, Bakersfield.

She was born June 18, 1925 in Texas. She lived in the Kern River Valley for over 25 years. She is survived by her daughter Judy Sullins of Lake Isabella; son William Rotan of Lake Isabella; grandchildren, Amanda Sullins of Bakersfield, Shannon Sullins of Lake Isabella, Carl and Tammy Sullins of Lake Isabella.

She will also be missed by great-grandchildren, Jaymie, and Jeffrey Sullins of Lake Isabella and Joshua Anderson of Lake Isabella. She's loved by everyone.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Sharpe

Former Kernville resident, William Sharpe, died at the age of 80 on April 7, 1998 of complications from pneumonia. He and his wife, Ellen, purchased the Pala Ranches Motel and moved to Kernville in 1959. They had sold the motel when they retired and lived near Newport, Oregon. He is survived by his wife, Nedra Joham of South Beach, Ore; daughter, Nancy Sharpe, Weed, Calif.; son Kenneth Sharpe, Mt. Pleasant, SC; grandchildren: Tracy Wells, San Diego, Wendy Wells, Weed, Calif., Darrin Sharpe, Seattle, Wash., and Kirra Sharpe, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., along with three great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Ellen Lee Smolinsky

Services were held Wednesday, April 29, 1998 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Ellen Lee Smolinsky. Officiating was Dr. David Snow, Pastor of First Baptist. Ellen was born Aug. 22, 1931 in Smithfield, N.C. She later moved to Southern California, where she met and married Stanley Smolinsky on June 5, 1975. They moved to the valley March 1989.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Stan and her brother, Guy Douglas Harmon of Durham, N.C.

Ellen loved her Lord and was a very active member of her church. She served in the Shepherd Ministry, where she loved and cared for her "sheep." She was active in Women's Bible Study, the American Baptist Women's Ministry and had a special love for all people. She was a regular visitor to the shut-ins, those in the rest home and where ever she could serve those in need. She not only gave of her time but also her financial support. She liked crafts and made them for her home and her friends. She loved unconditionally, as she gave of herself. She thanked the Lord for her husband and her many friends. She was faithful in serving the Lord. Ellen enjoyed her life to the fullest.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella or the Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wayne E. Smith

Wayne E. Smith, 79, passed away of cancer early Friday, May 1, 1998, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Smith was a Florence, (Rankin County) Miss. native. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy in various theatres. He had lived a number of years in Long Beach, Calif. and retired from being a Maintenance Engineer. He had been a resident of Kernville since 1978, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Kernville.

Services were held at1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at Lake Isabella Funeral Home with burial in Kern Valley Cemetery. Visitation was 2 p.m. Monday, May 4, at the funeral home.

Survivors include: wife of 58 years, Lola; son Donald Wayne Smith, Long Beach, Calif.; daughter, Dinah Lorraine Smith of Cerritos, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law Bill and Eloise S. Purvis of Florence, Miss.; grandson and wife Craig and Patty Allison; 2 great-grandchildren, Erica Anna and Spencer Wayne; and brother-in-law Lamar Culpepper. Pallbearers, Craig Allison and Bill Purvis.

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Roxie Slawson Linton

Services for Roxie Ellen Slawson Linton, 75, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ with Roy Hannah officiating. Interment will be at Ringling Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Alexander Funeral Home.

Born May 29, 1922, at Grady, to John L. and Bessie Miller Slawson, she died April 28, 1998, in Boise, Idaho.

Reared at Ringling, Okla., she married James Durwood Linton Aug. 24, 1940, at Healdton, Okla., and lived in Ringling where she managed the telephone company 14 years. They moved to Lake Isabella and lived there 30 years before moving to DeKalb, Texas, then to Bruneau, Idaho, in 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 14, 1996; a daughter, Donnie Linton, Feb. 27, 1941; and brother, Terry Slawson, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Gerri Alsip, Grand View, Idaho; four sisters, Evelyn Paul, Ringling, Okla.; Verna Dietrich, Arlington, Texas; Patricia Slawson, Sand Point, Idaho; and Barabara Jones, DeKalb, Texas; four brothers, Melburn Slawson, Rush Springs, Okla.; Johnnie Slawson, Shawnee, Okla.; Montie Slawson, Alavardo, Texas; and Donald Slawson, Springer, Okla.; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Nephews will serve as bearers.

John Thomas Shumate

Graveside services were held Monday, May 11, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., for John Thomas Shumate of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Shumate was born Aug. 14, 1926 in Bell, Calif., and passed away May 5, 1998 in Bakersfield. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years. He served in the Navy during WWII and received a Purple Heart. He also worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad for over 15 years. After retiring, he enjoyed woodworking and refinishing furniture. He loved animals and working with troubled youths. He volunteered at Camp Owens for 11 years. He was a friend to everyone.

He is survived by his fiance, Mary Robertson, of Bodfish; and his daughters, Beth Luttrell of Redondo Beach; Cathy Bowman of Redding, Calif.; and Pat (Tishy) Anderson of Rockford, Ill.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

OBITUARIES

Doris Maxine Carroll

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Maxine Carroll. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Mrs. Carroll was born June 30, 1917, in Crandall, Texas, and passed away May 11, 1998, in Bakersfield, after a long illness.

Maxine was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. She loved to fish and hunt for arrowheads. She was a loving and caring person and a beloved mother and grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia Carroll of Bodfish; and granddaughter and husband, Tammy and Samuel Feemster of Bodfish; and great-grandsons, John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish; and John Lee DeVicariis of Lake Isabella; and a sister, Marion Hurt of Texas. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Beverly Jane Crawford

Private arrangements were made for Beverly Jane Crawford who passed away May 12, 1998, after a long illness. Mrs. Crawford was born July 24, 1927, in Los Angeles and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years. She was a member of the Clan Diggers and enjoyed fishing and crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Robert Crawford, of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Art Wehrman, of Thousand Oaks; daughter, Carol Beaver, of Mountain Mesa; three grandchildren, Michelle, Will and Bobbie Jo. Mrs. Crawford is also survived by her brother, Kenneth Lindhardt, of San Diego; and sister-in-law, Barbara Finnegan, of Van Nuys; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Larry Shores

Larry Shores entered life on March 6, 1942, in the city of Bell, Calif. to his parents, Wilbur and Jesse. He was raised in Southern California. After completing school, Larry became interested in the field of heavy machinery, later becoming a mill wright for United Riggers. During this time, Larry met Marsha Jo Wellman, the love of his life and his future wife.

After 32 years of working, Larry and Marsha settled down and retired to Weldon, where they put down roots and made a new home after leaving Long Beach. A short time later, Larry's mom, Jesse, fell ill. He made the decision to bring her home, where he and Marsha faithfully cared for her until the twilight of her life. Jesse passed away at home in January of 1997. This had a profound effect on Larry, but he learned that it was time to move on and continue life with his loving wife and family.

For the next year or so, Larry, Marsha and the family grew close, drawing strength from one another. But on April 30, 1998, Willard Lawrence "Larry" Shores passed away at home with his loving family.

Graveside funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, where he is interred next to his mom, Jesse. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated.

Larry's time with us here was much too short, but now he is at peace. He has gone home. He is truly missed by all who loved him.

OBITUARIES

Marlene Thompson

Marlene Alhanati Thompson lost her battle with breast cancer early in the morning of May 9, 1998. She was born on Feb. 21, 1932, in St. Paul, Minn. Her early childhood was unique, growing up in a communal home formed by three brothers who had married three sisters. The families moved to California in 1943, continuing the communal living arrangement for a few years. Perhaps this explains Marlene's treating the whole as her family. Marlene's eternal optimism and zest for life (not to mention the many practical jokes played on unsuspecting family members) made her a very special friend to the many who knew her. Marlene cast a wide blanket of sunshine around her sharing her love and affection with everyone she met – a love that was often returned tenfold.

She attended Los Angeles City College and the Brymar School of Dentistry. Marlene worked as an administrator in the Los Angeles School system for several years, and for the last 15 years before retirement, as a real estate agent. She moved to Squirrel Valley five years ago when her husband retired. After retirement, Marlene loved travelling nationally to duplicate bridge tournaments. Her primary passions were of course family and lending a helping hand to anyone in need — friends and strangers alike.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Robert, of Squirrel Valley; her sons, Mark (and his wife Laura), Craig and Bruce of Culver City; grandchildren, Heather and Steven; and by her brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Peggy Roast, of Van Nuys.

Rest in peace, Marlene, you will always be in our hearts!

Elmer Sabers

Elmer Sabers was born Oct. 16, 1908 in Salem, S.D., and he passed away May 18, 1998.

He attended St. Mary's School. For a number of years he helped his father farm. In the 30's, he went to North Dakota to work. There he met and married Florence Haugen on Nov. 27, 1937. He lived alternately in South Dakota, North Dakota and California. He was into farming, restaurant business and grocery business which he owned and operated from time to time. He and his wife lived in Southern California for a number of years before coming to Lake Isabella. He was a resident here in the Kern Valley for 27 years. He loved fishing, playing cards, shuffleboard and having friends over for a dinner.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his father and mother; brothers, Alfred, Edgar, Gilbert, Gerald; sisters, Muriel Gstohl, Elvira Herting, Esther Mentele, Liona Sabers; brothers-in-law, Al Mentele, Lowell Herting, Carl Koepke, Rodnic Olson, Lyle Brenna; sister-in-law, Tillie Sabers.

He is survived by two brothers and one sister, Melvin Sabers and wife, Ida, of Salem, S.D.; Willard Sabers and wife, Ruth, of Sun City, Calif.; Marcella Koepke of Spencer, S.D.; a number of in-laws, Madia Olson of Stockton; Ruth Brenna, of Ventralia, Wash.; Janet and Carl Nelson, of Faulkton, S.D.; Joe and Dana Haugen of Ventura; Herman Gstohl of Salem, S.D.; Lucille Sabers of Lake Isabella; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Elmer passed away on May 18, 1998, in Bakersfield at Pleasant Care Convalescent Hospital where he was a resident for the last few years. A memorial mass was said for him at St. Jude's Church in Wofford Heights on May 22 at 10 a.m. Father Gilbert Mayer officiating. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

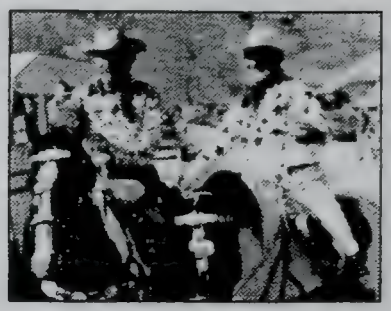
Vernon Orville Nelson

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mountain Mesa for Vernon Orville Nelson. Officiating was Bishop Sam Beckham. Mr. Nelson was born Sept. 21, 1914 in Brigham City, Utah and passed away on May 28, 1998 in Mountain Mesa.

He was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years, and enjoyed fishing, hunting and traveling. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a member of the UAW and the Dam Dancers.

Mr. Nelson was a wonderful father and he is survived by his daughter, Arlene Nelson, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Nancy Nelson, of Weldon; daughter, Judy Nelson, of San Pedro; son, John Nelson, of Lake Isabella; and stepdaughter, Shirley Penland, of Santa Barbara. Also surviving are his brother Paul Nelson and sisters, Lola Stewart and Thelma Nelson, all of Utah; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and close companion, Ardene Hotchkiss. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Montie Montana

Cowboy celebrity and frequent Kern Valley visitor Montie Montana died May 20, 1998 in Los Angeles from complications following a series of strokes. He was 87.

Veteran of more than 60 Rose Parades, and a legendary roping artist, Montana performed and rode in several Whiskey Flat Days Parade. He was a good friend of retired policeman and author Lynn Franklin, of Squirrel Valley. "Montie was known and will be missed by many old timers here in the valley," he said. "He was planning to be here with us this year, however, weather and health problems got in the way."

Montana was also a noted film presence, with appearances in several John Wayne films; he was considered one of a dying breed of authentic cowboys hired by Hollywood in the 1920s and 1930s — during the Western film heyday—for their roping and riding talents.

Raymond Chavez

Raymond Chavez was born Dec. 13, 1918 in New Mexico and passed away May 16, 1998, at the hospital. He was 79.

He was a resident of Mountain Mesa for 15 years. He was a member of the V.F.W.

Mr. Chavez will truly be missed by his loving friends, Lavon Babylon of Mountain Mesa; David Rodie, of San Pedro; and his nephews, Fred Chavez, of Hardin, Mont.; and Dave Chavez, of New Plymouth, Idaho.

Edna Lois Townsend

Edna Lois Townsend, age 61, passed away at her residence in Weldon on May 26, 1998. A graveside service was held in the Municipal Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 10 a.m. She was a retail clerk at a grocery store for 20 years.

Mrs. Townsend is survived by her husband, Ernie Townsend of Weldon; her mother, Edith Nelson, of Delta, Colo.; her two daughters, Cathy Staggs and Sheri Neal, both of California; and her son, William Satterfield of Ohio; sisters, Dorothy Thomas and Shirley Williams, both of Grand Junction, Colo.; Mary Ann Flynn of Delta, Colo.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Roy D. Shaw

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Valley Mortuary for Roy Dallas Shaw, age 75, of Weldon. Private interment followed. Mr. Shaw was born on May 24, 1923, in Mussel Shoal, Mont., and passed away in Ridgecrest on May 28, 1998.

He was a Kern River Valley resident for 20 years and was active in various conservation projects. He was a member of the Kern River Preserve, the National Audobon Society and the Ridgecrest Astronomy Club. Mr. Shaw also enjoyed photography and sporting events at the high school and always brought his pictures of the previous game to share with everyone. He also did nature photography in Weldon and had some of his photos placed in local magazines.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his son, Robert Shaw, of Ridgecrest; his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and John Weghorst, of Weldon; a sister, Hazel Brown, of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Clyde Shaw, of Seattle, Wash.; and a granddaughter, Tara Quint, of Weldon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

James Junior Thomas

Services were held on June 3, 1998, at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James Junior Thomas who passed away in Mountain Mesa on May 31, 1998. Officiating were Pastor Carlos Fandino and the VFW Post #7665. Originally from Simole, Okla., James was born Aug. 2, 1943, and graduated from North High School in Bakerfield.

He worked 14 years for the Marathon Oil Company before retiring. He was in the service from 1969 through 1972. James was stationed in Germany during some of this time. He was a life member in the V.F.W. Being a back country horseman in California, James enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding. He also used to race motorcycles.

James was always ready to lend a helping hand to all and never knew a stranger. He will be missed by his wife, Patty, of 11 years; son, Kent Thomas, of Bakersfield; son, Tate Nagle, of Kernville; son, Tim Nagle, of Kernville; brother, Jerry Thomas, of Bakersfield; sisters, Wanda Bamgardner, Nadine Decker, and Jackie Thomas, all of Bakersfield; his mother, Molly Thomas, also of Bakersfield; and eight nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary.

Gordon Carroll Carlton

Graveside services were held Friday, June 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Gordon Carroll Carlton. Officiating was the VFW Post #7665.

Mr. Carlton was born Feb. 28, 1924 in Shelville, Tenn., and passed away May 31, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. He served in the U.S. Navy on the U:S. Air Saratoga. He was a professional ice skater and skated with Sonja Henie in 1947. He worked as a line man for 22 years at China Lake before retiring. He lived in the Kern Valley for 35 years and was a member of the Masons Lodge #872 F. & A.M. Mr. Carlton also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was one of 11 children and is survived by his sisters, Margaret Haley and Clara Veach; brother, Ernest Carlton, all of Tennessee; his daughter, Christine Hodan, of Running Springs, Calif.; and his very dear friends, Jeff and Darlene Robinson, of Weldon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Annie Fisher Ford

Private arrangements were made for Annie Fisher Ford who passed away June 4, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. She was born March 16, 1916, in New York City, New York, and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was the owner and manager of Reed and Annie's Duck Blind Tavern in Lake Isabella and also was a seamstress and did alterations for many in the valley. She was also a member of the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce.

Annie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Larry John, of Riverside; sisters, Elsie Wagner, of Canoga Park, Calif.; and Carrie Rengstl of Florida; brother, Rudy Will, of Newhall; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Russell A. Anderson

Services were will be held Saturday, June 20, 1998, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Kernville for Russell A. Anderson, age 73. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis.

Mr. Anderson was born in Chicago, Ill., on July 25, 1924, and passed away at his home in Lancaster on May 28, 1998. He was a World War II veteran of the 8th Air Force. He was a resident of Wofford Heights for 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Geneva Anderson; daughter, Sharon Miller, of San Jose; daughter, Barbara Murphy, of Rosamond; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pearl "Peggy J." Wobermin

Peggy J. Wobermin was born in Staples, Minn. She came to California during World War II and worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, where she met and married Walter Wobermin.

They resided in Los Angeles area for many years. Upon retirement in 1973, they moved to Lake Isabella where they lived for the past 25 years. She celebrated 49 years, lacking 12 days, of marriage. Peggy passed away on Saturday, May 30, 1998, in Bodfish area of Lake Isabella when God called her home.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Walter; his daughter, Joyce Olsen; and five surviving sisters and their families.

Louie Adames

A celebration of Louie Adames' life was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11th, 1998 at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, 2959 Erskine Cr. Rd.

Louie, 92, loved life and enjoyed it to its fullest. He was a very pleasant and fun-loving person, who brightened the life of everyone he came in contact with.

A native of Mexico, Louie immigrated to the United States at the age of three. Later on, after his early adult years in the San Fernando Valley, he joined the United States Army, serving during World War II.

After a brief stint in the army, he returned to the S.F. Valley, and worked for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. After 21 years of service, he retired in 1968. Upon retirement, he moved to Lake Isabella with his wife Laverne. Together they traveled throughout the United States and Canada, looking for the best camping and fishing spots around!

After his wife Laverne's passing in 1988, Louie stayed close to home in Lake Isabella, enjoying the remainder of his years with his numerous friends.

Louie is survived by his daughter Mary Lou Duarte, his grandchildren Rose Marie Pierce, Anna Fossett and husband Ken, grandson Robert, granddaughter Denise, great-granddaughter Mary Angela Fossett, as well as his closest and loving friends, Andy and Arla Gibson.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Louie's name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Louie should be remembered for his enjoyment of life; he loved people, his family, and traveling. No matter where he was, though, he brightened the life of each and every person he came in contact with.

Pat Henson

Pat Henson was born in Marion, Ill., on April 16, 1911 and died on June 9, 1998, at the Devonshire Care Center in Hemet, Calif. He was 87 years of age.

Before moving to Hemet in January of 1995, Pat and his wife, Madeline, lived on Chism Trail in Onyx for 22 years.

Pat is survived by his wife, Madeline, of 63 years; daughter Patsy Friend of Hemet; grand daughters, Lee Anne Adams and her husband Neal of Hemet and Michelle Haubrick and her husband Jim of Corona; Great grandsons Glen Baeckel, Bradley Baeckel and Jeffrey Baeckel, all of Hemet; great grand daughter Jenna Marie Haubrick of Corona.

A service was held on Friday, June 12, at the Miller-Jones Mortuary in Hemet at 4:30 p.m. with the Rev. Howard Brown of the Winchester Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Madeline Henson was a member of the Weldon United Methodist church for many years and was very active in all church affairs.

Genevieve Beatrice Cross

Genevieve (Trudy) Cross, age 89, died June 10, 1998 in Basye, Va., after an extended illness.

Genevieve was born to Mary and George Woodward on January 9, 1909 in Truckee, Calif. She and her four brothers spent their childhood in the town of Winnemucca, Nev. and on a family owned cattle ranch in northwestern Nevada.

Mrs. Cross and her husband, Clifford Cross, made their home in the Kern River Valley for nearly sixty years. In 1992 they moved to Toms Brook, Va. to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Rod Bankson.

Trudy retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Wofford Heights, in 1977. She was an accomplished artist and had a great zest for life, even in her most recent days. She was a former member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, Va.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Bankson of Basye, Va., June Frakes of Belleville, Ill. five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her son, Clifford Allen Cross, of Myrtle Creek, Ore. preceded her in death in 1985. Her husband Clifford Lyman Cross, died in 1994 in Toms Brook, Va.

The Reverend Robert Ruskamp conducted a Memorial Mass at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, Va. June 11, 1998. Burial was in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Charles Fulton Phillips

Charles Fulton Phillips was born on January 3rd, 1929, in Dunn, North Carolina to his parents Garland and Lessie Phillips. At the age of 17, Chuck entered the United States Navy and proudly served his country for the next four years. After his military service, he worked in the construction field. As a carpenter he had a special talent for finish work, and will be remembered as a very competent building supervisor. He also kept busy working side jobs, one as an ambulance driver at the old Lyon's Drag Strip.

Charles loved to hunt and fish often traveling to Colorado for the big one. After acquiring a set of elk eye teeth he crafted a ring with one of the teeth setting it in gold. It is a beautiful work of art. The other tooth went to his daughter who also had a ring made. He also loved to cook his catch of fresh caught fish for friends and family, a treat that is sure to be missed by all who had the pleasure of tasting one of Chuck's specialties.

Chuck's quiet manner and quick wit, along with his great integrity, endeared him to all who had the privilege of coming in contact with him. His quiet behind the scenes compassion caused him to be God's instruments to aid those in need whether it was in a material way, or even in a financial one. Those in need usually never knew from where their help came, as Chuck was also a modest man, who didn't feel recognition for the things he did was necessary.

Chuck was very sick in the last few months of his very special life, yet never complaining, he was always there to help in whatever he was yet still able to do.

Chuck left us to bear our burdens on June 8, 1998.

On June 3rd, 1972 he married the love of his life Karyen, who stayed by his side and ministered to him in all his needs, especially in the last few months when he was so gravely ill. She has not only lost her husband, but her "best friend has also gone to another mountain." Chuck's children, sons, Michael, Billy, and Joe, along with daughters, Sharon, Linda, and April, are also left with a great void in their lives. Chuck also leaves to grieve for him his wonderful grandchildren of which there are 22, with 7 great grandchildren, and of course his loving companion "Precious."

Services were held at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, on Thursday, June 11th, at 2 p.m. Pastor Mike Ireland officiated. Inurnment will be private at a later date.

May all who are in sorrow and grieving for Chuck please take comfort in Jesus' words at Matt.11:28-30

"Come to me all who are toilling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls, for my yoke is kindly and my load is light."

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Kenneth Little

Loved son, step son, brother, husband and father.

Paul died suddenly May 17, 1998 in Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his wife Tamara and son David of Atlanta; parents Ted and Robin Little of Kernville and Henry and Marilyn Shott of Oakland; sister Kristine Preston and family of Valley Center; brothers Ted and family of Oakland, Jon and family of Kernville. Step sisters and brothers will also miss Paul.

Paul was a loving, gentle, creative man. Loyal and caring of his family, a sweet smile and knowledge beyond his years.

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."

—Kahlil Gibran, "The Prophet."

The family of Paul Little would like to thank friends and neighbors for their words of comfort following Paul's death. Kindness has made this sad journey less painful.

Ted, Robin, Jon, Jenny and Davis Little

Ira Odell Fitzgerald

A graveside service was held Friday June 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Ira Odell Fitzgerald of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Rev. Albert Terwilliger of the Community Church of Dunlap Acres.

Ira was born June 4, 1910 in North Carolina and died June 6, 1998 in Bakersfield. He was 88 years old. Ira retired from Rocketdyne Corp. as an aerospace technician after 25 years of service. He was a Mason, a Shriner, Elk, and Moose, and a 25 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

Ira is survivied by his wife of 11 years Oma Fitzgerald of Wofford Heights, step daughters Linda Espe of Wofford Heights, Jean Donnelly of West Hills, Anita Carrington of Washington, step son William B. Reynolds of Wofford Heights, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Dorothy Myers

Dorothy Myers was born in El Paso, Texas on March 26, 1913 and returned to her home in heaven on June 17, 1998. Dorothy died at the age of 85 after a brief illness. She resided in La Crescenta and in Bodfish for most of her life. Dorothy's life was based on the love of her church, devotion to her children and grandchildren, and her service to God. She was a member of the St. James the Less Women's Club and belonged to the Third Order of Mary. Dorothy's efforts in support of St. James the Less Church in La Crescenta included considerable fund raising projects that culminated in a new convent building and transportation services for the nuns. She was also a generous contributor to the Trappist Monastery.

Many of the parishioners of her church will remember Dorothy's "Taco Booth" where she worked so tirelessly every year as part of the St. James the Less Jamboree, an annual fund raising event.

As a young mother, Dorothy took pleasure in sewing clothes for her little girls. She enjoyed bowling, feeding the wild birds, and taking care of her cats and dogs. One of the most treasured moments of Dorothy's life was a trip to the Vatican where she received a personal blessing from the Pope.

Dorothy was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew her. She loved to laugh, to cook, and to sing. She was selfless in her dedication to her family. Her children say that Dorothy's strength, courage, and faith in God in times of adversity acted as a moral compass that continues to guide their characters. She will be sorely missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, John Watrak; her brother, Edward Haverson; and her son, Alvin Rivera, Jr. Dorothy leaves behind her son, Steven Watrak and her daughters, Marianne LeVan, Hilary Hoover, and Arleen Heywood. She is also survived by her sons-in-law, John LeVan and Dan Hoover and her daughters-in-law, Patty Watrak and Mert Rivera. Dorothy had 11 grandchildren: Sally Rivera, Michael Rivera, Charles Rivera, Ryan Faure, Westley Faure, Bryan Watrak, Malenna Watrak, Hal Heywood, Jr., Andrew Heywood, Joel Heywood, and Peter John Heywood. She also had 7 great-grandchildren: Emily Rivera, Ashley Rivera, Vincent Rivera, Anthony Faure, Westley Faure, Jr., Heather Stanley, and Andrew Mohit.

The funeral mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m., Monday, June 22nd at St. James the Less Church in La Crescenta. Internment will follow at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery in San Fernando. The funeral arrangements will be conducted by Crippen's Mortuary in La Crescenta.

Chester Henry Gagnon (Chet)

Funeral services were held Wed. June 17, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Chet Gagnon. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols from the South Shore Full Gospel Fellowship.

Chet passed away Monday June 15, 1998 in Mountain Mesa following a short illness.

Chet was born Chester Henry Gagnon in Morrisville, Vermont on Sept. 26, 1921. Chet was a building contractor for over 25 years, and has lived in the Kern River Valley for 18 years and even after retiring he still enjoyed building patios and other things for his friends. He was a member of the VFW Post # 2075 and he enjoyed motor sports, fishing and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Santa Gagnon in 1986, and is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Chester and Judy Gagnon of Torrance; his brother and sisters, Richard, Blanch, Virginia Arlene, Viola and Laura, all of Vermont, and his companion Gloria Hunt.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Rose M. Clouse

Born January 18, 1939 and went to live with the Lord on June 17, 1998.

Resided in California her entire life and last employed at Optical Radiation working in the field of computers.

She is survived by her mother Tessie Windham, daughters Donna & Diana, grandchildren David, Chris, Crystal, Justin and Daniel, brothers Richard and Ted Windham and lots of other beautiful family and friends.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Opal Aletha Clevinger

Memorial services will be held Saturday June 27, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Vallley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Opal Aletha Clevinger. Officiating will be Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Opal was born December 25, 1911 in Goda Springs, Kansas and passed away on June 17, 1998 at her home in Squirrel Valley after a long illness. She has been a resident for 28 years and a member of the South Fork Womans Club and the Ladies of the Moose and one of the founders of the Squirrel Valley Bridge Club. In November 1980 she opened Opal's Dress and Gift Shop and had the shop for 8 years. She enjoyed fishing. She is survived by her daughter Evelyn (Pete) Fowler of Squirrel Valley, daughter Gloria Sullivan of West Los Angeles, granddaughter and husband Leslie & Joseph Wilson of West Los Angeles, grandson Paul Michael Sullivan of San Pedro, great granddaughter Lyndsey Wilson and great grandson Timmothy Sullivan.

She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Radio pioneer succumbs

KVLI founder, civic leader, left legacy of local involvement

John Ridenour, the Kern Valley's radio pioneer, passed away on Friday, June 26.

John and his wife Jan, started broadcasting from KVLI AM in July, 1977 and managed the popular "Stardust Memories" station until 1997, when it was sold.

John was known for his spirited involvement in Kern Valley civic activities and clubs and for his generous offering of broadcast time for everything from local emergencies to school plays and church choral groups. "John was very devoted to local causes," Jan said.

The radio's "Swap Shop" was also a popular feature program Ridenour established.

Born in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1930, Ridenour graduated from Marietta College, where he studied broadcasting. He later served in the U.S. Army in Ger-

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many.

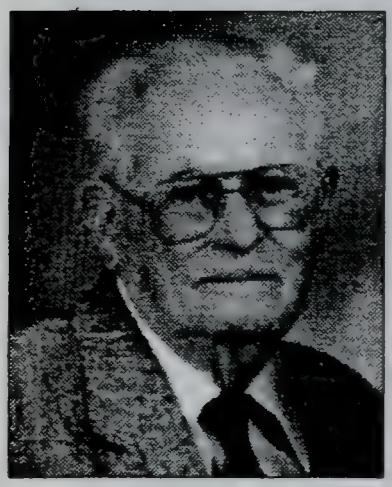
When he returned to the States, Ridenour worked in broadcasting, where he developed an extensive career in radio and television sales. Before establishing KVLI, Ridenour was employed at radio and TV stations in Bakersfield.

He and Jan met in Phoenix and were married in 1967.

The couple decided to make Squirrel Valley their home after traveling to the Kern Valley extensively when they lived in Bakersfield.

Ridenour had suffered from kidney disease for many years and the ailment made it increasingly difficult for him to work at the station.

Funeral services for John Ridenour will be held this morning at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Memorial donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, 4901 Main St., Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64112.



Buford O. Newton

Memorial services were held for Buford O. Newton on Monday, June 22, 1998 at Weldon United Methodist Church. Pastors Charles White and Floyd Castillo officiated.

Buford Newton was born in Prague, Okla., on August 14, 1909 to Lily Myrtle and Oscar Wiliam Newton. He was the eldest of eleven children, and has six sisters and two brothers still living.

He and his wife Mary Elizabeth were married in Tulsa, Okla., on August 11, 1930, almost 68 years ago.

After living in the San Fernando Valley for 24 years, they moved to San Jose in 1964 and then to Kern Valley in 1971 when they moved to Squirrel Valley. Buford and Mary immediately began a active relationship with the Weldon UMC. He was a volunteer fireman, active in the local homeowners association and in the Kern Valley Historical Association.

Buford is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth of almost 68 years: a daughter Juanita Boos; six sisters and two brothers. He is the grandfather of five and has one great-grandchild. He is also survived by us, his many friends. A daughter, Betty, predeceased him.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dorotha Frances Sanders

Dorotha Frances Sanders passed away on June 16, 1998 in Merced, Calif. She was born August 20, 1908 in Bakersfield where she worked as an office clerk for Apple Valley Development Company prior to her retirement. She was a longtime resident of Lake Isabella prior to coming to Merced in 1996. She was a 50 year member and past matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Lake Isabella. She was very devoted to lodge actvities including special projects for the area young people.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at a later date. It will be held in Kern County and their local order of the Eastern Star will officiate to honor their past matron.

She is survived by her husband James E. Sanders of Lake Isabella; daughter Mary Scroggins of Atwater; eight grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy V. Haas

Dorothy V. Haas, age 88 years, passed away June 21, 1998 in a Bakersfield Hospital. She was a long time resident of Lake Isabella and was a native of Michigan. She was employed for many years as a telephone operator and also did work as a payroll clerk.

She is survived by her daughter and grandson Roxine and Anthony Disco of Lake Isabella, son, Howard Hass of Glendora, Calif., sister, Lillian Wesley of Marion, Ohio, and grandson, Michael Haas of Temecula, Calif.

A private cremation is being held under direction of Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Robert Eugene Unsell

A memorial service will be held Thursday July 2, 1998 at Kern River Valley Cemetery (the old section, Lake Side) at 1 p.m. for Robert Eugene Unsell who died in a car accident on Hwy 178 in Bodfish on June 24, 1998. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Robert was born April 21, 1979 in Bakersfield and has lived his life in the Kern River Valley and Bakersfield. He was a student at Summit High School. He enjoyed camping and fishing and fixing cars and motorcycles.

He is survived by his mother Charlotte Unsell and Dave Mershon, his father David Unsell, and sisters Rebecca and Nicole Unsell, grandmother Nina Biggs, and grandparents Don and Betty Unsell, numerous aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers a trust fund has been set up at West America Bank.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Eunice Margaret Neff

Eunice Margaret Neff was born on February 24, 1910 in a small town in Kansas where she spent her early years as a girl. Later, Eunice and her family moved to Ohio where she spent the majority of her life.

On August 25, 1934 Eunice married the love of her life, Nelson Neff. Together the two began to build a life for themselves and began a family. Soon after, she completed her education, graduating from Ashland College with a teaching credential. Eunice felt a calling for this field of work and began teaching fifth grade at an elementary school in Ohio. During this time she developed a talent for the arts. Eunice became an accomplished painter, working primarily with oils. Later, some of her work began showing up in exhibits and art shows. Her love and talent for the arts was not only limited to oils and canvas, but also to the dramatic arts. As a teacher, Eunice found her niche. Soon she became the director of all of the school's projects that concerned music and the children. She had a positive artistic influence on many of the children's lives.

In the early 70's, Eunice semi-retired and she and Nelson moved to Barstow, Calif., later moving to Mission Viejo, Calif. Once there, Eunice was able to devote more of her time to the arts. She painted and entered shows. She also spent time playing bridge with her friends. She also was never a person to sit idle, so she also began substitute teaching at a local school.

In 1982, her beloved husband Nelson passed away. As this would weaken some people Eunice grew strong. She continued being very active, however, shortly after, her sight began to fail her. In 1989 she had a significant loss of sight and made the decision to move to the Kern Valley area to be near her daughter and favorite son-in-law. This did not slow Eunice down. In fact, she became even more active in her new community. She joined the Foursquare Church's Family Life Center, the Rod & Gun Club, and the Kernville Woman's Club. She continued to paint and play bridge up until she heard the calling of the Lord. In the early hours of the morning of June 26, 1998 Eunice passed away from our lives and went home to be with the Lord.

Eunice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Joan A. and Gary Bechtel of Wofford Heights; her sister, Esther Zaugg, of Hiram, Ohio; and by her twin sisters, Prescilla Hildebrandt and Aquila Sterret, of Mountain Home, Ark. Eunice is also survived by her grandchildren, James Bechtel of Salem, Ore.; Kathy Taylor of Wofford Heights; Steve Bechtel of Wofford Heights; and Scott Bechtel of Hollywood. Also surviving her are 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

J.E. Foreman

J.E. Foreman entered life July 21, 1924 in Shawnee, Okla., and entered eternal life June 19, 1998 in Wofford Heights. Family friend Sam Wells officiated at his memorial service June 25. Inurnment was at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

God saw that J.E. was getting tired, a cure for him was not to be. So God put his arms around him, and whispered J.E. come home to me. So with tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and beheld him fade away. And although we loved J.E. dearly, we could not make him stay. On June 19, a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. God broke our hearts to prove, he only takes the best. There is only one way into this world. That is by way of the womb of a woman. But there are two ways out. I know for a fact that my true friend, and spiritual brother chose the right way. He (J.E.) is at peace now, (Real Peace) and I feel he would have wanted you, (his family) (his friends) to know that.'

J.E. was survived by two family members, his wife, Mrs. Hazel Forman and his daughter, Mrs. Sharon Forman Batts.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jack P. Whitton

"Our loss is heaven's gain." Our beloved husband, dad, papa, great-papa, and friend left our earth to go live in his Heavenly Father's home on June 26, 1998. Jack's journey began on October 26, 1926 in Fullerton, Calif. where he lived with his parents, Dewey and Helen Whitton, his sister, June, and brother, Eugene. At 17, Jack joined the United States Navy to help in the Second World War. He had the rank of Seaman Second Class and was stationed at Maui and the Midway Islands.

In 1951, Jack met the woman he would share all of his life experiences with, Lois. These experiences were to include their three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Jack and Lois would share more than four decades of love that seemed to triumph over all of the tests life could give.

To Jack, family was the most important aspect of life. He believed that a man should come home from work each day to help teach his children and to help give them the love and support they need. He carried this belief on to his grandchildren.

Jack loved camping. The wilderness of the Sierra Nevadas were a second home to him. Here in his second home he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and delighted in teaching his children and grandchildren about the wonders of nature. Because of his love for the mountains, Jack chose the Kern River Valley as his home after he retired in 1982.

He was a true friend to all. His honesty, strength, and strong beliefs were admired by everyone who knew him, and his wonderful sense of humor always brought a smile to everyone's face. His presence on this earth will truly be missed.

Jack's journey on this earth ended while in his wife's loving arms and his family surrounding him with love as we watched him go home to be with his creator.

He is preceded in death by his father, Dewey Whitton; mother, Helen Whitton; and brother, Eugene Whitton. Jack is survived by his wife, Lois; sister, June Nielsen, of North Dakota; his three children, Steve Whitton and his wife, Goning, of Burley, Idaho; Terri Landphere and her husband, Mitch, of California City; Robert Whitton and his wife, Donnia, of Norwalk, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jackie Raybuck of Lake Isabella; Katie and Gordon Sheckells of Lake Isabella; Shannon Whitton and Jason Whitton of Norwalk, Calif.; April Whitton of Burley, Idaho; five great-grandchildren Austin, Brittani, and Cheyenne Sheckells of Lake Isabella, and Kaitlyn and Kayla Raybuck of Lake Isabella. Jack will also be missed by many nieces and nephews and many other loving friends and family.

Donald W. McEachen

Donald W. McEachen passed away at home on Friday, June 26, 1998. He had been ill for several weeks. He died with his wife at his side.

Don was born Feb. 12, 1921 in Wayne, Neb. He moved to Los Angeles along with his brother and sister in 1937. In Los Angeles, he met and married his wife, Alice Newman. They were married for 57 years and had two wonderful children. He drove trucks in the L.A. area for many years. He always enjoyed camping and following retirement he and his wife moved to the Lake Isabella area and enjoyed 14 years in this area. Don never met a stranger and was always willing and able to help others no matter what their situation. He was always very quick with his wit and kept his grandchildren on their toes.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Betty Feeney, in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Alice; his son and daughter-in-law, George and Edie McEachen; his son-in-law, Fred Feeney; his granddaughter, Karen McEachen; his grandsons, Scott Feeney, Dan Feeney, Brian McEachen, and Eric McEachen; and his great-grandson, Jason Feeney.

Services were held at Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 1, 1998. Services and burial were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on Thursday, July 2, 1998.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John M. Ridenour

Funeral services for John M. Ridenour, who passed away June 26, 1998, in a Bakersfield hospital, were held on Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Father David Graham of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Visitation was held at Valley Mortuary on Tuesday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

John was a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 21 years and had been a Kern County resident since 1967. He was born in Parkersburg, W.Va. on Sept. 19, 1930, and was 67 years of age.

He attended school in West Virginia and graduated from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Following college, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

John's interest in broadcasting began during his college years, where he worked with the college's on-campus radio station. When he returned to the states, he worked in broadcasting in West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and California.

He moved to Bakersfield in 1967 and worked for KBIS Radio, Channel 17-TV, Channel 23-TV, and KGEE/KGFM. In 1977 he put KVLI-AM on the air in Lake Isabella. It was the first broadcast facility in the Kern River Valley. He later added KVLI-FM in 1992. John was retired after selling the station in 1997.

He was always very active in community activities and belonged to many civic organizations. He was a member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, the Wofford Heights Improvement Group, the Kern River Valley Visitor's Council, the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge #827, the American Legion Post #711, the Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, the Fish and Game Habitat Club, and supported many activities of the Kern Valley High School.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Janet, of Lake Isabella; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Cynthia Seymour, of Parkland, Fla.; cousins, Janet Witte, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Judy White of Flagstaff, Ariz.; Barbara Grignol of Rochester, N.Y.; and Lewis Ridenour of La Porte, Ind.; and uncle and wife, Arnold and Marcia White, of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, 4901 Main Street, Suite 200, Kansas City, Mo. 64112-2634.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sidney Sterling Stalford

Sidney S. Stalford of Weldon, and ranch hand for some 50 years in the Kern River Valley area, died June 20, 1998 in Big Pine, Calif. He was born March 19, 1906 in Kansas. He was 92 years old.

He was a ranch hand for the Sprague ranch and last worked for Walt Hanning on the Hanning ranch.

Sidney is survived by his sons, Billy G. Stalford of New Mexico; Levi Stalford of Onyx; sister Jennie West of Los Angeles; grandsons Billy Stalford Jr. of New Mexico, Barry Stalford of New Mexico, and Robert Stalford of Weldon.

At Sidney's request no services are to be scheduled.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary

Branda Cheri Snow

A memorial service for Branda Snow, 13, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at The Rookery at Katherine Albertson Park in Boise, Idaho.

Branda died June 16, 1998 in a whitewater rafting accident on the Kern River near Kernville.

Born on October 10, 1984 in Caldwell, Idaho, she spent most of her life in Marysville, Wash., but moved back to Idaho with her family in 1996. She had just completed seventh grade at Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian, and had begun a summer visit with her father in Southern California when the accident occurred.

Branda was a budding scientist with a strong interest in marine biology. She won first place in her school's science fair in sixth grade and recently had scored in the 99th percentile nationally on a science aptitude test. She also enjoyed choral music, and was a member of the Lowell Scott choir. She sang with her mother, a professional singer and choral teacher, in a show last Christmas and recently performed her first solo.

Branda's death was the first fatality for the Kern River commercial river tour operators, who have conducted tours for more than 20 years. The companies and area residents held two memorial services for Branda, during which they named a bend in the river "Branda's Bend" and hung a wind chime in a Ponderosa pine nearby.

An avid reader, Branda was rarely without a book in her hand or at her bedside. Because of her enthusiasm for learning through reading, her family and friends have set up two memorial funds to buy library books for children in the Pacific Northwest and Southern Calif. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

The Branda Snow Memorial Fund, c/o U.S. Bank, 7230 Fairview Ave., P.O. Box 7217, Boise, Idaho, 83707. The fund will be used to buy library books for the schools Branda attended: Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian, Idaho; Mountain Home Junior High in Mountain Home, Idaho; North Elementary School in Mountain Home, Idaho; and Shoulltes Elementary School in Marysville, Wash.

The Escondido Library Foundation for the Branda Snow Book Endowment Fund, 239 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, Calif., 92025, attention: Laura Mitchell. The fund will be used to buy books for the Escondido Public Library's children's section.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Sandra and Rick Krause of Boise; her father and stepmother, Russ and Cindy Snow, of Carlsbad, Calif.; her sister, Robyn Cates, of Boise; her brother, Scott Snow, of Carlsbad; and many grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. One of Branda's uncles has set up a website with more information about the memorial service, memorial library funds and tributes. The (case-sensitive) address is: http://members. tripod.com/ -BrandaMemorial/

Lawrence (Larry) Walter Schropp

Lawrence Walter Schropp was born to his parents, Lester and Onie, on August 22, 1922, in Salamac, N.Y. In 1944, "Larry" entered the United States Army and proudly served his country as a medic in the 362nd Infantry. A while after his time in the service, Larry began working for Lucky Supermarkets, where he began to work his way up to his final position before his retirement, General Manager. In 1980, Larry married the love of his life, Alice M. Burns. The two were married in Las Vegas on June 3. Larry and Alice built a comfortable life together here in the Kern Valley, residing in Bodfish. They became actively involved in our community. They became members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 in Lake Isabella, the Moose Lodge, and the Beamers club. Also, during this time, Larry developed a passion for fishing, camping, and going to "Whiskey Pete's Casino." All in all, Larry had become a very loving husband and family man. He will be greatly missed.

Larry is survived by his wife of 17 years Alice, of Lake Isabella; his brother, Tom; his sisters, Ellinor and Thelma; a son and a daughter; six grandkids and four great-grandkids and many, many friends.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Theresa Iona Maxey

Graveside services were held Monday, July 6, 1998 at the Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary for Theresa Maxey who died Thursday July 2 in Lake Isabella. Theresa was born in Hartville, Mo. June 17, 1916. Services were conducted by Jon Rowe.

Theresa is survived by her daughters, June Hasper, Edna Norried, and Melanie Kratt. Sons Jim and Glenn L. Williams, 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Mae Weaver, and brother Truel Boyer. Theresa was preceded in death by her son Jerry Lee Williams.

Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary

Maxine I. Berglund

Maxine I. Berglund passed on to join her husband George on July 7, 1998 in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was 83.

She is survived by daughter Beverly Olmstead and Husband Richard. Daughter Toni Knott and husband Walter. Son George Berglund Jr., and wife Anna Marie, eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren.

Maxine was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on June 7, 1948 in the state of Wisconsin and was active in community affairs in Hemet, Calif., before moving to the Lake Isabella area. She was a volunteer at the Lake Isabella Senior Center.

Maxine loved to play bingo and was a regular on Thursday nights at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Maxine loved life and people. All who knew her will miss her.

Honoring Maxine's request, no services are pending.

Arrangements are by Valley Mortuary

Richard (Dick) Grant Sterling

Dick Sterling passed away on Friday, July 10, 1998. He had been ill for several years.

Dick was born April 29, 1936 in Fullerton, Calif. He lived in the L.A. area until 1979 when he moved to the Lake Isabella area. He worked as a machinist for many years. However, his last job with the U.S. Forestry Service was what he enjoyed most and took great pride in.

Dick enjoyed being outdoors. Fishing, gardening and wood working were important to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gale and Mildred, his son, Ricky and brother-in-law, Lanson Joyner.

He is survived by his sister, Betty Joyner of Lake Isabella, brother Lauren Sterling, Port Orchard, Wash. Daughter, Linda Mason of San Diego, and niece and her husband Judy and Don Padgett of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

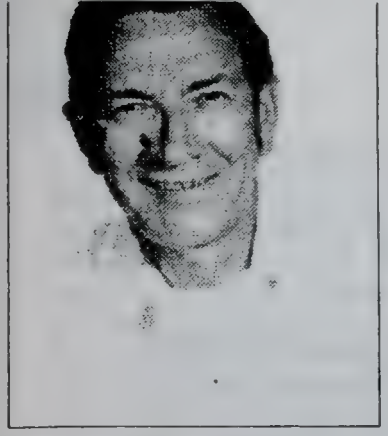
Michael Arthur Meehan

Michael Arthur Meehan, age 63, passed away June 30, 1998, in Santa Paula, Calif., after a lengthy illness. He was born June 16, 1935. He worked as a Quality Engineer for 30 years for Allied Signal. Mr. Meehan taught sailing, enjoyed hiking and fishing in the Sierras, he loved sail racing and cruising. He was involved in Little League and AYSO as a coach, and the Professional Association of Innkeepers International.

He owned and operated the Kern River Inn Bed and Breakfast in Kernville from 1991 to 1994.

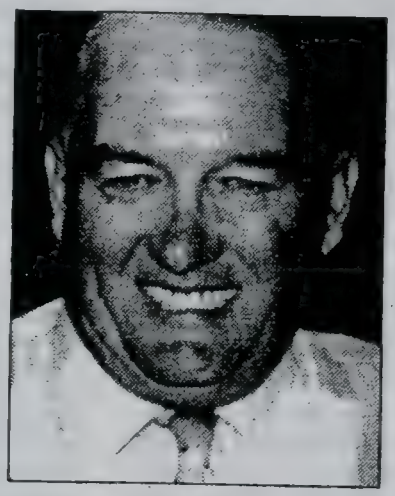
He is survived by his wife, Helen Andrews of Santa Paula, Calif.; sons Patrick James Meehan of Torrance, Calif., and Michael Carl Meehan of El Segundo, Calif.; step-sons Steven Todd Andrews of Rossmoor, Calif., Richard Michael Andrews of Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Donald Lawrence Andrews of Torrance, Calif.; mother Aileen Maire Osborn of Northridge, Calif.; sister Susan Roline Rudnicki of Newbury Park, Calif.; grandchild Shannon Aileen Meehan of Torrance, Calif.; and step-grandchildren Jessica, Adam Alexix, Jacob, and Mackenzie Andrews.

Services will be at St. James Catholic Church, Torrance, Calif., Thursday, July 16, 1998, at 11 a.m. Ashes will be scattered at sea at a later date.



Richard (Dick) Glenn Hartman

Entered into rest on July 15 at the age of 70 years. Glenn was born in Whittier, Calif. to William and Anna Hartman. His father, mother, six brothers, Alfred, Wilmer, Lee, Walt, Kenny, Ernie, two sisters Irma and Bernice moved to Victorville, Calif. where Glenn grew up. He became affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #12. First as a heavy equipment operator and later as a business agent. In 1984 he and his wife moved to Onyx. Glenn has enjoyed his church, ranching, hunting and gardening. Loving husband to Marilyn Hartman, beloved father to Elaine Cornish, Dana Dehnert, Luane Orsborn, Blake Byrket, Scott Byrket, Frank Byrket, and Gary Hartman. Grandfather to Stacey Clay, Dennis Cornish, Robert Cornish, Jennifer Dehnert, Rebecca Byrket, Glenn Byrket, Cheyene Embree and Debbie Byrket. Great-grandfather to Randi Clay, Samantha Clay, Brandon Cornish and Austin Cornish. Glenn was also very blessed with numerous nieces, nephews and many other loving family members and friends. Friends are invited to attend services at the Full Gospel Fellowship Church in Mt. Mesa with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating at 10:00 am on Saturday July 25. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Ca. Visitation at Valley Mortuary Thursday July 23 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday July 24 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Glenn Cole

Glenn Cole, age 60, passed away July 15, 1998 at his home in Wofford Heights. He was born Aug. 28, 1937 in Ohio and was the oldest of 8 children to Eugene and Dorothy Cole.

He and his wife of 41 years lived in the L.A. area until retiring in 1990 to the peace of the Lake Isabella community.

While fishing each day, he enjoyed the things he loved best, being surrounded by the beauty of the lake, the companionship of his fishing buddies, and the thrill of the catch.

Glenn was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He touched the lives of those he came in contact with by his extreme generosity, his undying patience and his devotion to family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette, daughters Cheryl Canto, Sandy Martinez and Nancy Walker, who will miss him very much.

We will forever take with us the things he has taught us, relax, be patient and think big.

Clara Madeline Cartwright

Memorial Services will be held Saturday July 25, 1998. at 10:00 am at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, Calif. for Clara Madeline Cartwright. Officating will be Pastor Bert Simpson. Mrs. Cartwright was born October 14, 1898 in Hebron, N. D. and passed away July 9, 1998 in Mt. Mesa, California just short of her 100th birthday. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 14 years. She was the oldest of 12 children and during the 1917 flu epidemic in North Dakota she lost her parents and a sister and 2 brothers, she kept the family together for as long as she could and then they went to St. Joseph, Mich. to a Baptist orphanage. She moved to Chicago and later married Henry William Cartwright in 1924 and moved to California in 1943. She was very active in her church and family life was very important to her. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 1962. She moved to the Kern Valley in 1982. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Jerry (Jay) and Joyce Cartwright of Kernville and son Paul Cartwright of Santa Clara and sisters, Elsie Hollester of Alhambra, Pat Bouris of Mendicino, Calif. and Gertrude Smith of Walnut Creek, Ca. and 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charlean Marie Downing

Charlean Marie Downing, 57, born in Cobden, Ill. on June 23, 1941, died July 15, 1998 at 1:48 a.m. at her home in Lake Isabella with her daughters at her side.

She was preceded in death by her long-time companion Roger Schubert. She is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws TeAnna and Joe Hill, Dawn and Tommy Vasquez and Marcie and Matt Farnum and her nine grandchildren. In loving memory of our Mother — she was the core of our family and the strength that bound us together through the hardships, and no burden was ever too big for her. She was strong through her struggle with lung cancer. We will miss her deeply.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m. at All Faith Chapel Hall, China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

Robert Schubert

Roger Schubert, 55, passed away in his sleep at his Bodfish home on July 12, 1998. Roger was born Dec. 16, 1942 in Port Jefferson, N.Y. He worked for Grumman Aerospace Corporation for many years before moving to the Kern Valley nearly 30 years ago. During his time in the valley, he shoed horses and worked at Isabella Market before taking a position at China Lake Naval Weapons Center. He was survived for a short time by his partner in life, Charlean Downing. He is also survived by his father, Charles Schubert and sister Anna Grace. He was an intelligent, loving and funny man who is greatly missed by those who love him.

Memorial services for Roger and Charlean will be held Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m. at All Faith Chapel, China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

George B. Albin

George passed away July 12, 1998. He was born in Texas and served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid. George moved to Kern River Valley 38 years ago and was very active in all the valley activities including becoming Whiskey Flat Mayor and Early California Days Marshal. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, V.F.W., and Elks. George enjoyed bartending, flying and fishing and enjoyed a good time. He was a very loving man and always had time to help someone, he had many friends. George is preceded in death by his wife Barbara (well known local Realtor). He is survived by his son George Albin Jr. and wife Alta from Downey, 3 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren of L.A. County. George was loved an will truly be missed. Services were held at graveside on July 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

John Fife

Graveside services were held Monday, July 20, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. for John Fife, of Weldon, at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton, Calif. Interment followed. He was born Feb. 26, 1924 in Sydney, Australia and passed away July 15, 1998 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He was survived by his sons, Lawrence and John; daughter Lawren Stone; grandchildren, James, Gregory, Russel, Timothy, Scott, Sonny and Lari Fife, and Jeffrey, Natasha, Karma, Sara and Simon Stone.

Lillian A. Jamison

Lillian A. Jamison was born November 3, 1904 in Chaseley, North Dakota. She taught school in Washburn, North Dakota for 12 years before moving to California in 1937. She met her future husband, Edward J. Jamison, while they were working at an Army depot durning World War II. They lived in Rancho Bernardo near San Diego until his death in 1979. She then moved to Huntington Beach and eventually to Lake Isabella nine years ago. Lillian passed away July 10, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. It was discovered she had throat cancer and they did surgery on her trachea to allow her to breathe. She had complications from internal bleeding after her first radiation treatment. She was wonderfully healthy all during her life so it was extremely stressful on her to be hospitalized, have surgery and go through radiation treatment. She was a Christian woman who was always grateful for the wonderful life she had. She had no children of her own, but leaves nieces Lorraine Sartoris, Donna Connelly Hoegee, Bette Tulp, Sharon Neil, Marlene Eastman, LaVon Moore and one nephew, Dick Tulp of Valley City, N. D. and many, many great-nieces and great-nephews. Everyone who met her found her to be a sweet, kind, and loving person who always had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family. Funeral srrangements were made with Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Burial will be at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, Ca.

John David Wegner

Funeral services were held on July 17, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights. Pastor Bert Simpson officiated with the Honor Guard of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the Ladies' Auxiliary performing the Veterans Burial Rights. John David Wegner was born on May 30, 1918, in the mid-western state of Indiana. John began working at an early age, and developed a love of "work" that was amazing. During World War II, he served his country proudly as a sergeant in the United States Army. During the war, John married Iris Sanders, the woman he chose to spend the rest of his life with. In his years, John was self-employed as a general contractor, doing a great deal of residential construction. He was very much liked by everyone he worked with and well-respected by his customers, co-workers and crews for his honesty and professionalism. John and Iris both believed in hard work, but they also enjoyed taking vacations in their motorhome, visiting their son and their very special grandchildren, and going to new places they had never been, but also going to some of the old places that they knew and loved. All in all, John was a great husband, father, and grandfather. In 1975, John and Iris both retired and moved from Burbank to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Lake Isabella. Soon after, however, John and Iris both decided to go back to work. John continued as a contractor and Iris worked as a Realtor for 12 years. John and Iris were married for nearly 56 years before Iris fell ill and passed away in April of this year (1998). After her passing, John made sure that he settled all issues in his life because he could feel the Lord's calling. All too soon after, John went home to be with the Lord. John David Wegner passed away in the wee hours of the morning of July 15, 1998. Iris had helped the Lord prepare a place for him in heaven and he went home to be with her, and probably to go back to work with Iris for the Lord.

John David Wegner is survived by his only son, Doug, of Santa Cruz, Calif. Also by his loving granddaughters, Amanda and Katie Wegner, his brother Bill, and his sisters Rosemary and Ruth. And by a very special friend, Diana Miller. John will be very much missed by his loving family and his special friends.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

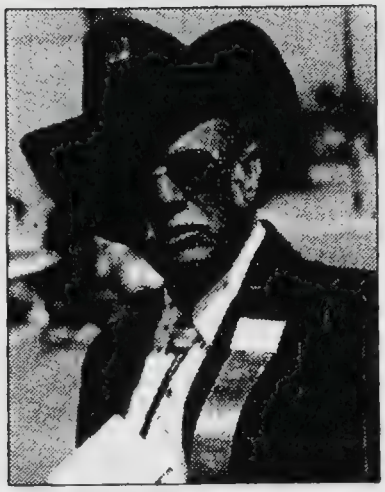
Lloyd Franklin Burkhardt

Lloyd Burkhardt was born on May 12, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to his parents Frank and Clara Burkhardt. His parents instilled in him a strong sense of family values that stayed with him all his life, all of which he passed on to his own family through the years.

In September of 1942, Lloyd entered the United States Army Air Corps and proudly served his country. On April 15, 1945, Lloyd married the love of his life, Dorothy, in Chicago, Ill. Five months later, he was honorably discharged from the service, and he and Dorothy began building their life together. Lloyd began working for Wing Aircraft as a sheet metal mechanic. During this time, their family began to grow, having three sons and two daughters. In 1977, Lloyd and Dorothy retired, picked up their roots, and then replanted them here in the Kern River Valley. During his time, Lloyd was a terrific husband and a wonderful father. He loved his family fiercely. He loved the outdoors, taking his kids camping, and snow skiing. He and Dorothy would take road trips to Las Vegas to play Keno. He loved the time he was able to spend with his children playing poker and other games with them, clowning around and joking about everything. His sense of humor always kept everyone's spirits up. He was an all-around good guy!

On July 4, 1998, Mr. Lloyd Franklin Burkhardt passed away in Bakersfield. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor C.L. Semonious officiated, giving a wonderful service. The Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 and the Ladies' Auxiliary proudly gave their lasting memorial tribute to Lloyd, their fallen comrade, for his service to his country in a time of war. Lloyd will be missed by his family and all his many friends.

Lloyd Burkhardt is survivied by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy, his sons James Burkhardt of Santa Cruz, Calif., Richard Burkhardt of Chelsea, Ok., Gary Burkhardt of Arab, Ala., and his daughters Doreen Allen of Mountain Mesa, and Diane Vradenburgh of Lake Isabella. Lloyd is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Archie Dee Hancock

Archie was born in Missouri and raised in Oklahoma. He passed away July 14, 1998, and was buried at Rose Hills on July 20, 1998.

In 1935, he met and married Helen Hix. They moved to California in 1936. Archie worked as a cook and later went to work for Phelps Dodge Copper Plant in Los Angeles where he made copper tubing for submarines during the war.

Archie and Helen were very close. They had three children – James Hancock, Betty Jean Breller and William Dee, deceased.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; two children, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Archie is also survived by his brothers and sisters and many friends. He was the third of 12 children.

Archie was a member of the CB'ers in Lake Isabella. He worked with the Kernville Chamber and the Kernville Recreation Complex Committee. He judged the Rodeo Queen Contest. He loved horses. He trained and showed them in horse shows for many years before retiring to the Kern Valley in 1976. He loved the valley and fishing in the lake.

William J. Stark

Memorial services were held Tuesday, July 28, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for William J. Stark of Fairview. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil.

Mr. Stark was born November 28, 1923 in Youngstown, Ohio, and passed away July 22, 1998, at his home in Fairview. He moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring from the Glendale Police Department in 1977. He enjoyed fishing and being in the outdoors around the river.

He is survived by his son and his companion, Anthony and Carol; daughter and her husband, Kelly and Mark Monroe; granddaughter, Alicia, and grandson, Austin.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Nick D. Prodan

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Nick D. Prodan. Officiating will be Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ in Lake Isabella and the VFW Post #7665. Nick was born Feb. 21, 1916 in Los Angeles and passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on July 21, 1998. He retired to the Kern River Valley in 1965 from the Carpenters Union Local #1506 in Santa Monica. He enjoyed classic cars, bowling and looking out his picture window at his beloved Lake Isabella. He also enjoyed meeting and having conversation with his many friends in the valley and helping his brother Tony manage his tennis enterprises.

Nick was preceded in death by his brother, George. He is survived by his son and wife, Mike and Carol, of Weldon; son and wife, Nick and Renee of Kernville; daughter, Kathy England, of Bodfish; and their mother, Anna, of Wofford Heights; his brother, Tony Prodan, of Irvine; and sister-in-law, Hilda Prodan, of Redondo Beach; and eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Nesta C. Turner

After a lengthy illness, Nesta passed away peacefully in her sleep at the home of her son in Bodfish. She was born April 15, 1903 and passed away July 19, 1998. At her request, cremation has taken place and no services were requested.

Nesta and her husband, Wm. D. Turner, came to the Kern Valley in 1951 and resided here 47 years.

She is survived by her son, Wm. A. Turner, and his wife, Claire, of Bodfish; her daughter, Mary (Johnnie) Threewit, of Paonia, Colo.; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, "Bill," and one great-granddaughter, Dawn Cheree Elliott, of Paonia, Colo.

Nesta also leaves many friends in the valley. Her ashes will be placed beside her "Bill" at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Nel F. Marlin

Nel F. Marlin passed away July 21, 1998, in Wofford Heights. Nel was born in Redondo Beach and lived in El Segundo until she moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982.

He is survived by her two daughters, Toni Klassen and Dee Thornberry; and one granddaughter, Rachel Thornberry. Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Peters Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1633, Kernville, Calif. 93238.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Mortuary.

Cecil Everett Dale

Cecil Everett Dale of Lake Isabella passed away July 12, 1998, in a Pomona, Calif. hospital, following a lengthy illness. He was born June 29, 1914, in Raton, New Mexico. Prior to his retirement in 1974, he was a delivery driver for Hostess Cakes and had served the communities of Lake Isabella, Ridgecrest and Trona for 20 years.

He was an avid fisherman and loved camping and traveling. He married Alice May Carpenter on the 4th of July, 1936. He had been a property owner in Lake Isabella since 1972 and a full-time resident since 1974.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Dale, of Lake Isabella; sons, James C. Dale, of Upland, Calif.; and Lawrence W. Dale of Lake Isabella; and three grandchildren.

At Cecil's request, no services will be scheduled.

Barbara D. Farnsworth

Barbara joined her daughter and husband in heaven on July 26, 1998. She was born April 17, 1930 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her love for the lake and valley encouraged her to move here in 1986. She soon became involved in many clubs and organizations, including the Wofford Heights Improvement Group, Senior Citizens Center, Friends of the Animals and The Rod and Gun Club.

She enjoyed crocheting and her beautiful view of the lake, but most of all helping others. She is survived by her grandchildren, Mollie and Andy Winchester, god-daughter Meagan Czubek, sister-in-law and husband Verna and Bob Ruff, and very dear friends Tom and Vickie Czubek.

At "Grama's" request, no service was scheduled, but a "celebration of life" was held Monday, Aug. 3, by her dearest friends. Breathe easy, Grama.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hazel R. Goodson

Hazel R. Goodson, 82, of Wofford Heights, passed away July 29, 1998, at a Claremont convalescent hospital. Mrs. Goodson was born October 4, 1915, in Sioux City, Iowa, and settled in Granada Hills in 1941, moving to Claremont in 1956, and to Wofford Heights, in 1979. She was a member of the Methodist Faith. Surviving are husband, Kelly Sessions Goodson; daughters, Marilynn K. Klauss of Conover, North Carolina and Patricia A. Lynch of Montclair; 3 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, 1 foster grandson and 12 great-grandchildren.

Private services and interment will be held.

Todd Memorial Chapel, Pomona, is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Violet Weightman

A Mass for Christian Burial was held Monday August 3, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mildred Violet Weightman. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil.

Mrs. Weightman was born November 4, 1914 in Rockford, Ill and passed away July 29, 1998 in Mountain Mesa, Calif. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years and a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Paul Weightman of Lake Isabella, son and daughter-in-law Ron and Maureen Weightman of Newhall, Calif., and daughter and son-in-law Jan and Bob Miller of Lake Havasu City, Az., 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild, and a sister Shirley Powell of Illinois.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ruby Ann Ode

Funeral services were held for Ruby Ann Ode on Saturday July 25, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonius. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Calif.

Ruby Ann Ode, age 84, former Menominee resident, had been living at Rennas West. The former Ruby Shell was born July 16, 1914 in Kansas. She married Victor Frederick Ode in 1937. He preceded her in death on September 14, 1991. She was a member of Shephard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, and former resident of Wofford Heights, Calif.

She worked for the North American Rockwell Corp. for 15 years as a technical detailer, retiring in 1975. She is survived by her son, Jerry Ode of Menominee, Michigan, a daughter Annette Louise Page of Redondo Beach, Calif., sister Anna Heineken of Winchester, Kansas, 8 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Arrangement by Cadieu Funeral Home in Michigan and Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eugene Glenn Smith

Funeral services were held Wednesday July 29, 1998 at 1 p.m. for Eugene Glenn Smith at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. Eugene was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years and a member of the Moose Lodge and the Eagles. He enjoyed boating, water skiing and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law Joyce Hazard of Palmdale, granddaughter Wendi Morton of Palmdale, and great-grandchildren Ryan and Devon Morton of Palmdale.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hazel Louise Kortcamp Hanson

Hazel Louise Kortcamp Hanson died August 1, 1998 at Tri-Cities Hospital in Vista, Calif. She was born March 12, 1911 in San Francisco and lived most of her life in California.

She came to Lake Isabella many years ago with her late husband, Herbert "Pete" Hanson, who loved to fish. After they both retired they bought a home here in 1987. Pete and Hazel were married for 46+ years and traveled extensively.

Hazel is survived by her daughter, Sylvia Sands Wheeler of Baja Sur, Mexico, a granddaughter Agnes Kate Freeburn of Tucson, Ariz, a great-grandson Anthony Freeburn also of Tucson and a grandson John Laury Freeburn of Sacramento, Calif. She is also survived by her devoted brother, Richard Kortcamp and his family of Oceanside, Calif.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, August 16, 1998, 1 p.m. at Highland Chapel, United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Robert Willard Miller

Private arrangements were made for Robert Willard Miller who passed away July 27, 1998 at his home in Wofford Heights, California. He was born February 29, 1924 in New York City, New York and served on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. for 27 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 23 years ago. He and his wife Edna were very active in the Moose before she passed away in 1996. He is survived by his son Arthur Cammaressi of Torrance and his daughter Dolores Zagala of Weldon, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jessie Duncan

Jessie Duncan went home to be with the Lord at the age of 84 years in Bakersfield. She was born on November 25, 1913 in Sterling, Colorado.

Jessie accepted Christ as her Savior as a young teenager in the Evangelical Church in Sterling. Jessie married Olin Duncan of Hastin, Missouri (who passed away March 11th. of this year) on August 23, 1932. Together they went to LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, graduating in 1937.

Jessie, along with her husband, was an ordained minister and served with him from 1937 to 1971. They pastored churches in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. They also held positions of leadership within their church denomination. They retired and moved to Wofford Heights in May of 1972 and remained active members of the Family Life Center Foursquare Church.

Jessie is survived by her daughter and husband Roberta and Frank Lortscher of Bakersfield; and her son and wife, Dick and Edie Duncan of Portland, Oregon.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, including Sheryl Patterson and husband Gene; Carl Magness and wife, Sharon; Tim Duncan and wife Diana; Karen Whetsell and husband, Isaac; Kimberley Hofer and husband, Dave; Kathy Lortscher; Karen Roney and husband, Jeff; Frank Lortscher and Todd Lortscher.

She also has 15 surviving great-grandchildren, Kristi, Gene and Luke Patterson; Stephanie and Keith Magness; Alicia, Sean and Ryan Duncan; Angela and Amy Brown; Eli Whetsell; Kristina Hofer; and Kristin, Justin and Alan Roney.

Memorial services were held Monday, August 10, 1998 in the Family Life Center, Wofford Heights. Those wishing to honor Mrs. Duncan's life may make donations to Foursquare World Missions through the Family Life Center, 20 West Panorama, Wofford Heights, Calif. 93285.

Interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Marilynn Kathleen Frazier

Marilynn Kathleen Frazier, a resident of the Kern River Valley for 38 years, passed away in Bakersfield, Calif., on July 30, 1998.

Marilynn was born to Christopher and Effie Griffin in Palo Alto, Calif., on May 5, 1922. She attended school in Huntington Park, Calif.

Marilynn served as Postmaster at Mountain Mesa, Calif. until 1984. Upon retiring, she enjoyed spending her times in her garden and tending to her flowers.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Thomas F. Frazier, and 1 brother, Cullen "Bud" Griffin.

Marilynn was the beloved mother of daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Richard Reed of Suisun City, Calif., and sons, Kent Frazier and wife Phyliss, of Taft, Calif., and Mark Frazier of Bodfish, Calif. daughter-in-law, Christy Kay of Squamish, Wash.

She is survived by 9 grandchildren, Dennis Reed and wife Patti of Stockton, Calif., Terra Frazier of Suisun City, Calif., Stacy Frazier of Newberg, Ore., Scott and Cody Frazier of Lake Isabella, Melissa and Ian Frazier of Squamish, Wash., and Jeremy and Jentri LaLonde of Taft, Calif. She also had 3 beautiful great-granddaughters, Kourtney and Kelsi Reed of Stockton and Caitlun Aguilar of Suison City, Calif. Also surviving her are 3 brothers, Frank Griffin and wife Irene, Michael Griffin and wife Linda, all from La Habra, Calif. James Griffin and wife Shirley, of Tucson, Ariz., and 1 sister, Martha Monterosso and husband Frank of Cypress, Calif., and sister-in-law Claralee Griffin of Downey, Calif.

She will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She leaves us with a heartfull of love and a lifetime of memories.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Carroll

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Patricia Ann Carroll. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Pat was born July 12, 1941 in Texas and passed away Aug. 6, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. Pat was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1978.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Eugene Feemster of Bodfish; grandsons, John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish and John Lee DeVicariis of Lake Isabella.

Pat is gone but not forgotten for she will be here forever in our hearts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leonard William Weaver

Leonard William Weaver was born on Sept. 22, 1922, to his parents, William and Mable, in the sleepy little town of Hot Springs, Ark. Later in 1942, he met and married Edith Nation, that same year they moved from Arkansas to California, settling in the Downey and Bell Gardens area. They had twin girls, Imogene and Emogene.

In 1971 Edith came to the Kern River Valley, while Leonard continued to commute back and forth from down south to work in his trade as a residential pool contractor. In 1976 Leonard come tothe valley and started his own contracting business, many here in the valley will remember him for his honest and forth-right manner, along with his wonderful sense of humor.

Leonard leaves to grieve for him his loving wife, Edith; his twin girls, Imogene and Emogene; his wonderful grandchildren, Jason, Victoria, Harold, Pamela, Christina, Jodi, and James; also seven great-grandchildren. Many friends in the valley will miss him too.

Funeral services were held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Rose Chapel, on Friday, Aug. 14,1998 at 10 a.m. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge of the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

F. Donald Didier

Memorial services will be held Friday, Aug. 21, 1998, at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for F. Donald Didier. Officiating will be Father Jim Kudilil. Donald was born Feb. 1, 1922 in California and passed away Aug. 7, 1998 in Wofford Heights.

He was a graduate of USC and a Major in the Air Force. He was an engineer for Buena Engineers for 30 years and was still a consulting geologist for the past 15 years that he was a resident of Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julie Didier of Montrose, Calif.; son, Chris Didier, of Palm Springs; his brother, Robert Didier, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Agnes Lorraine Stains

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Agnes Lorraine Stains. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Charles White of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Burial will follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Agnes was born Sept. 12, 1912 in Canora Saskatchewan, Canada, and passed away Aug. 13, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. She retired from Pacific Bell after 40 years and moved to the Kern River Valley in August of 1990. She has been a member of the South Fork Woman's Club and the Eastern Star and the Golden Slippers.

She is survived by her sister, Ruby Hershey, of Lake Isabella; her brother, Robert Peterson, of Connecticut; two stepsons, Aubrey and Matt Stains; 12 nieces and nephews and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alvin H. Flener

Services were held July 30, 1998, at Green Valley Cemetery for Alvin H. Flener, age 76. Officiating was Pastor Greg Cull. He was born Dec. 29, 1921 in Rumsy, Ky., and passed away at his home on July 27, 1998. He was a resident of Bodfish for over 14 years.

Mr. Flener served in the Army for six years during World War II and was discharged as a Sergeant. He was employed as a welder/mechanic at Irvine Ranch. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, camping, golf, and most importantly, being a family man.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Odis and Nola Flener. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Margie Flener; his children, Beverly Foster of Shingle Springs, Greg Triplett of Placerville, Pat Scheffield of Texas, and Jimmy Flener of Arkansas; as well as seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Hester McLemor of Michigan and Richard Flener of Oklahoma.

Arrangements by Green Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1998

Mary Jean Tebbe

Mary Jean Tebbe, age 80, passed away in her home on Aug. 16, 1998 with family at her side. She was born on June 21, 1918 in Dilworth, Minn., where she spent her early years. She was the youngest of five children born to Eugene and Mary Rigdon. She survived brothers Cecil and Woodrow and sisters Wanda and Margaret. Life was sometimes difficult with her father away so often as a conductor with the Northern Pacific Railroad, but her home was happy and full of love.

She met her future husband, L. William Tebbe, in Los Angeles while visiting her sister and married in a simple ceremony Sept. 11, 1937. They moved to Burbank in 1939 and children William Norman and Margaret Ann were born. Her life was full with family and activities. The next 35 years would eventually see Bill retire from Lockheed Aircraft and her children grow, marry and have children of their own prior to their moving to Lake Isabella.

Mary Jean and Bill moved to Squirrel Valley 24 years ago. These have been happy and wonderful years, full of many new friends and activities. Mary Jean was involved in the Property Owners Association, Kern Valley Historical Association, Kern CBer's, Dam Quilters and various other community groups. She and Bill also traveled extensively with a host of CB friends.

Mary Jean loved to work with her hands. Her many hobbies included: painting, hooking and braiding rugs, making lampshades and draperies, upholstery, tailoring, bead art, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, quilting, pottery, leaded glass, canning, cooking and gardening.

Mary Jean is survived by her husband Bill of almost 61 years of wedded bliss; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Irene Tebbe; daughter, Margaret Haase; grandchildren, Bill and wife Julie Tebbe, Wendy and husband Dennis Mullins, Robert Tebbe, Heather Davidson and Erik Haase; and five great-granddaughters, Jordan and Makena Davidson, Valerie and Jessica Mullins and Morgan Tebbe.

An informal "Celebration of Life" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at her home at 3508 Indian Rock Road, Squirrel Valley, for all her many friends and neighbors to remember stories and help celebrate her life. Refreshments will be served.

Private memorial services were held for the family at the Weldon United Methodist Church with Pastor Charles White officiating.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kern Hospice in the name of Mary Jean Tebbe. Their address is 4300 Stine Road, Suite 720, Bakersfield, Calif. 93313.

Frederick Daniel Peaslee

Funeral services were held on Aug. 25, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights. Pastor Carlos Fandino officiated along with the Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Frederick Daniel Peaslee was born on Nov. 29, 1932, in Boston, Mass.

He joined the Air Force in September 1949 and received an honorable discharge in September 1954. Fred began working for American Airlines in 1954 and was transferred to Los Angeles in the late 1950's, where he met his future wife, Jan. They were married on July 3, 1960.

Over the years he received many awards from American Airlines. In 1979, Fred received American Airlines Mechanic Recognition Award, which is the highest award given. He also received an award for Outstanding Performance and Support of CF6 Engine from the American Airlines Tulsa Engine Shop. He retired in 1989 as Crew Chief of the Los Angeles American Airlines Jet Engine Shop. He retired with his wife, Jan, and moved from Torrance to Wofford Heights. After moving to Worrord Heights, he joined the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358. He was also a member of The American Legion. A few of the highlights of his retirement were motoring twice back East to Maine to visit his brothers, a Mexican cruise and a two-week vacation to Napa. He enjoyed woodworking for the local community. He also restored his 1931 Oldsmobile and 1925 Model T.

Frederick Daniel Peaslee is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Janice, of Wofford Heights; his two sons, Michael of Wofford Heights and Chris of Castaic; his daughter-in-law Paula; granddaughter, Tessa; grandson, John Michael; and his three brothers, Neil, Dennis and Henry. Fred will be very much missed by his loving family and friends.

Special services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Willard Dennis Malone

Graveside services were held at the Kern Valley Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Aug. 18, 1998 for Willard Dennis Malone, age 70, who passed away on Aug. 14, 1998 in Mountain Mesa.

Willard was born in Bakersfield on June 17, 1928 to Art and Marie Malone of Kernville. Willard spent most of his life in the Kern River area leaving only to serve his country in the U.S. Marines during World War II where he served aboard the battleship U.S. Missouri.

Willard worked in the lumber industry and spent some time in Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas before retiring in 1990.

He is survived by his mother Marie of Kernville; sisters, Clara Anderson, Patricia Henry, Dorothy Denson; brothers, Harvey Malone, Stanley Malone, Loren Malone, Boyd Malone; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Art Malone, and sisters, Joyce Crafton and Edith Malone.

Per Willard's request there were no visitations.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday, September 2, 1998

Gaylord Henry Tibbetts

Gaylord Henry Tibbetts was born January 18, 1918 to Eva Mae and Arthur Charles Tibbetts in Eau Claire, Wis. He married Helyne Kinseth on July 12, 1941. They celebrated 57 years of marriage this year. They had one son, who died prematurely in 1942.

Gaylord was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1946, after the war was over. He trained in several branches of the Army at various camps, but being so mechanically minded and knowledgeable about automotive vehicles he was based at a P.O.E. in Camp Edwards, Mass. He was in charge of the motor pool there and met ships coming to port with wounded servicemen and prisoners of war. He left the service with a T5 technician rating.

In 1958 he left Wisconsin and went to Northrop Institute of Technology to learn to work on jet planes. He had a love for airplanes. He went to work for Continental Airlines in 1960, retiring from there in 1975.

He and his wife bought a home in Wofford Heights and he started his own construction and landscaping business until 1985. He enjoyed meeting people and loved the outdoors and animals.

He is survived by his wife Helyne, one brother, James, of Mass., one sister, Mary Lou Petersen of Florida, nephew Art Tibbetts and wife Jane of Squirrel Valley, and numerous other nephews and nieces. He was a loving and devoted husband and generous with his help to his relatives and many friends. He was a kind and loving man and will be greatly missed.

There will be no services here, but graveside services will be held at a later date in Eau Claire, Wis. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mark Alden Westergren

Mark Alden Westergren was born Sept. 2, 1954 in Los Angeles. He passed away September 3, 1998 at his sister's home in Wofford Heights after a tough battle with inoperable brain tumor cancer for 2 months. He was preceded in death by his sister Karen in 1959, also later his Grandfather, 2 grandmothers, and father Alden. He is survived by his mother Donna, his sister and husband Diane and Tony Plante, nieces Jenifer and Jaclyn, nephew Jeffrey, the Oberg and Cornell family members, and stepson Brian, Sylvia and grandson Brandon just 2 weeks old who he was able to see and hold just before moving from Sacramento to Wofford Heights.

Observing Mark's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Donations may be made to the Kern Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Memorial Fund for Masonic affiliated members.

Mark was loved by all his family and friends and will be missed greatly.

Dorothy Edith Boelzner "Dottie"

Dorothy Edith Boelzner passed away September 9th, 1998 at the Kern Valley Hospital, she was 74 years old.

Dorothy and her husband Bob loved to travel, and travel they did. They have entertained friends and family for hours with their stories of their "adventures", and they had not just a few to tell about. But all of their trips left those across the country richer just for having met them.

Wherever Dottie went, and whoever was fortunate enough to meet her, always left with the impression that they had met someone very special, and that they were very special to have had the privledge of meeting "her". She was truly a very special person. It didn't matter to Dottie, if you were a long time friend, or someone she had just met, she always made you feel important.

Dottie is survived by Robert, her husband, favorite friend and constant companion of 57 years, their daughter, Dottie Baugh, a granddaughter, Leslie Sorrells and Dottie's greatest delight, her 2 great-grandsons, Matthew and Bret Sorrells, all of Wofford Heights.

She also leaves her brother Ben of Oregon, sister Betty of Colorado, and many other family members and a multitude of friends.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her son, Robert.

A memorial service for Dottie will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1998 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness', 1911 Edith Avenue, Lake Isabella, at 1:00 p.m.

Emily Bernice Ice

Funeral services were held Thursday Sept. 10, 1998 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Emily Bernice Ice. Officiating was Pastor David Snow.

Mrs. Ice was born Oct. 2, 1908 in White Feather, Mich. and passed away on Sept. 4, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years and a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and writing and also played the piano beautifully.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law Oren & Loretta Ice of Lake Isabella, daughter & son-in-law Barbara & Donald Parker of Clamith, CA. Sisters, Mildred & Rubin Walker of Mertle Creek, Ore. Irene Kramer of Escondido, Calif., Gertrude Maycumber of Osawatomie, Kan. and 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ruth Elizabeth Banta

Ruth Elizabeth Banta passed away Sept. 7, 1998, in her home, in the loving arms of her family. A funeral service was held Friday, Sept. 11, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills, Lutheran Church, Lake Isabella.

The daughter of Horace and Mae Deming, she was born on July 30, 1913, in San Diego. Being the only daughter she was beloved by her parents and her brothers.

The family moved often in her early years, living in Washington for a short time and then returning to California. The family lived in Hanford where her father owned a restaurant. She enjoyed a recent trip to Hanford with the Historical Society and told stories of going to China Town to use the few pennies she and her younger brother might have to purchase candy. She remembered living on Green Street and that the house had a large plot of Shasta Daisies in the yard.

The family eventually moved to West Hollywood where she graduated from Fairfax High School. She worked for a dressmaker and in 1934 she married Bill Banta. They owned a moving and storage business for many years, doing a great deal of work for decorators and galleries. Most of these years her home became the location for the family gatherings. Many a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas meal were celebrated there.

For many years vacations and week-end trips were spent in Kernville. When the town of "New" Kernville was being subdivided they purchased property on Circle Park and built a building which they intended to rent. Ruth worked as a waitress and Bill worked for the County Roads Department for a while and then for James Store. At that time James Store carried dry goods. Clint James wanted out of the dry goods business so he sold them his dry goods stock. They added to that stock and in 1962 opened the Westerner, the first specialty shop in the valley. Bill and Ruth operated the Westerner until 1974 when the store was purchased by their daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Vehlewald.

The Banta's enjoyed their retirement years, spending the summer at their property in Horse Meadows and traveling in their trailer in the winter months. Bill passed away in December of 1992.

Ruth joined Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in 1993. She had been active in church and made many wonderful friends. Living with Pat and Don she has said these were some of the happiest years of her life.

The light of her life was her great-grandson, Chris. She and Pat made several happy trips to the coast with Chris. These are memories Chris will always have of a dear sweet lady who loved him very much. His little brothers will miss the joy of knowing her.

She leaves behind daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Vehlewald, granddaughter and husband, Julia and Dale Dumke and great-grandsons, Chris, Johnathan and Joseph of Lancaster, grandson and his wife Gene and Deena Vehlewald of Walla Walla, Wa. She also leaves behind her brother-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Kathleen Reed Wickham

Kathleen Reed Wickham (1917-1998) passed away on September 16, 1998. She is remembered by the hundreds who sang in the children's choirs and women's choruses which she directed and the many others whom she tutored as elementary school children.

Kathleen was born in Garden City, Kansas. She graduated from high school in Arlington, Kansas and received a degree from Hutchinson Junior College nearby. She taught in a rural elementary school for two years before coming to California to marry her long-time sweetheart, Ralph Wickham. Active in church work and music, she served as the children's choir director at the Venice First Methodist Church for several years and then at the Santa Monica First Christian Church. At one time she was directing five children's choirs, singing in a sixth, and substituting in two others. She also organized a women's chorus which performed at social events in the Santa Monica area for a number of years. She gave private voice lessons and tutored elementary school students in basic subjects.

Kathleen and Ralph retired to Kernville in 1970, removed to Kansas to care for an aging parent for a few years, and then returned to make their permanent home in Kernville. They have enjoyed the scenery and friendliness of the Kern Valley and the family wishes to thank all those who enriched her life in this community.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ralph Wickham; son, Dennis (Donna) Wickham of Milwaukie, Oregon; daughter, Merry Wickham Ovnick of Chatsworth, Calif., two granddaughters, Karen Ovnick and Lara Ovnick Becher; and a nephew, Les (Ruby) Tanner of Caldwell, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella on Saturday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Church Building Fund, Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Robert D. (Bob) Holcombe

Robert D. Holcombe, 60, director of special operations for the Sun's parent company, Wick Communications Company, died Thursday morning at his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

The cause of death was lung cancer.

Holcombe was the ramrod for a number of special projects undertaken by Wick Communications Company over the last 15 years and operated as the special assistant to Walter and Robert Wick presidents of Wick Communications Company and Wick Publishing Company respectively. He often represented the combined companies in locations far afield from its headquarters in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 21, 1998 at the United Methodist Church, 3225 S. Saint Andrews Dr., (Buffalo Solders Trail). Military burial services will be held on Ft. Huachuca with entry at the East Gate at 12:40 p.m.

Memorial contributions maybe made in the name of Robert D. Holcombe to the Forgach House, P.O. Box 1961, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, or the Cochise County Children's Center. P.O. Box 4338, Huachuca City, AZ 85616.

Robert E. Welsh, Sr.

Robert E. Welsh, Sr., age 70, died on Wednsday, September 16, 1998. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, and spent most of his childhood and young adult years in Owensboro, Kentucky.

He graduated with a BA and MA in education from the University of Kentucky and moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1956 with his wife, Jean Bolton Welsh and his two children, Jody and Bob.

Both he and his wife taught in the San Diego School system until 1976 at which time they retired to Weldon, Calif.

Mr. Welsh was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa at the University of Kentucky, and a long time member of the Lion's Club. He was a Life Master of Duplicate bridge and a member of the local Duplicate Bridge Club. He enjoyed a love of woodworking and instructing young people in financial planning.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Jean Bolton Welsh; his son and family, Robert E. Welsh, Jr., Jewell, Jessica and Jonathan Welsh of Mountain Home, Ark., his daughter and family, Jody Welsh Steel, Jim and John Steel of Crescent City, Calif., and a great-grandchild, Lance Steel. Other survivors include his sister-in-law, Margaret B. Vermillion of Weldon, a niece and nephew, Lee V. Edgerly and Edward F. Vermillion, Jr., of Louisville, Kentucky and two nieces in Tarpon Springs, Florida, Jo B. Cox and Beth B. Goodbread.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be given to the Hospice Kern Services, 4300 Stine Road, Bakersfield, California 93313.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wendell Jackson Lane

Graveside services were held Friday September 18, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Wendell Jackson Lane. Officiating was Kenneth Fincher of Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. Lane was born February 17, 1932 in Grand Junction, Colorado and passed away September 15, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. He has been a resident of the Kern Valley for 24 years. he worked 52 years as a meat cutter in the city of Ridgecrest for Albertson's Food Store.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Evelyn of Onyx, daughter Wendy R. Sanders of Ridgecrest, son Martin K. Lane of Chino, Calif., daughter and son-in-law Valoree and Jeff Morris of Diamond Bar, Calif., son and daughter-in-law Scott and Lemara Lane of Oak Harbor, Wash., 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is survived by his sisters Audrey Frodsham, Monti Wiley, Elvira Menor, and Barbara Fincher.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Patrick Kent Carnahan

In Loving Memory.

Patrick was born April 5th 1969 and after suffering a long illness left us on September 11, 1998. He was 34.

Patrick lived and worked in Kern Valley for several years. He had many friends throughout the valley and Bakersfield. He is survived by his mother Norma, brother, Gary of Lancaster, Calif., sister Sherrie of Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Services were held on Wednesday September 16, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at Desert Lawn Cemetery in Palmdale, Calif.

"Oh, I'll beg for you, you know I'll beg for you.

Pick a song and I'll sing for you. Take a bath, I'll drink the water that you leave. If you should die before me, ask if you could bring a friend. Pick a flower, hold your breath, and drift away..."

I'll love you always.

Roy Lawrence Wheeler

Roy Lawrence Wheeler, 56, passed away at home on September 17, 1998.

Roy Lawrence Wheeler was born in Bakersfield on March 15, 1942 to Florence Viola Wheeler. He married Sheila J. Wheeler 35 years ago and lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past 28 years working for Contel-GTE as a lineman/installer.

He belonged to Sparks No Fish Catching Association and he was the Honorary Big Chief of Popo Aggie.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila and children, Deneen Borklund, Damon Wheeler, Dirk Wheeler, daughter-in-laws, Christy Wheeler and Mishelle Wheeler, and son-in-law, Eric Borklund, sister Monica Carrasco, and eight grandchildren, Kristofer, Kodi, Kirstan, Kailee, Myranda, Devon, Justin and unborn baby Bryson.

"Thank you Roy for being a wonderful husband, loving father and Pappy, and caring friend. Our lives are forever changed for knowing you."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald M. Springer

Donald M. Springer was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and passed away at age 61 peacefully in his sleep after a long battle with diabetes in Kernville on Sept. 14, 1998. His brothers Dennis Springer of Kernville, and David Springer of Bodega, Calif. survive him. Donald served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959 with an Honorable Discharge. He studied Aeronautical engineering.

Donald retired to the Kern Valley 20 years ago. He leaves behind many friends and loved ones who shared with him his love of classical music and fondness of the outdoors.

A private burial followed by an informal get-together at the Springer home was held on Sunday, Sept. 19, 1998. In lieu of flowers, a donation to local charities is appreciated.

A special thank you to those of you who made donations, especially the Sportsman and K-Bar-S Mini-Mart during the families time of need.

Monica Stella Werner

Monica Stella Werner, a long time resident of the valley, passed away at the home of her son, Thomas Kay in Reno, Nev. on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998.

She was born in Berlin, Germany on April 4, 1926 and immigrated to the United States with her mother in 1941. She met Johann Kay Werner in Hollywood, married shortly thereafter, and abandoned her post as French Horn Player in the Greater Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra to raise her two children, Thomas and Vikki.

She and aero-space engineer husband Kay came to the valley in 1967 and operated a successful television repair service together until Kay's retirement circa mid 1980's.

She was a gifted writer, bird fancier, and was loved and respected by her family and friends and international pen-pals. She is survived by son Thomas Kay of Reno, Nev., daughter Vikki Jane of Sacramento, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters, both born recently.

She will be greatly missed by all-and her family wishes her peace and love in her new transition where she will certainly be embraced by many friends.

William Atchison "Bill" Karr

Masonic services were held Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for William A. "Uncle Bill" Karr, who passed away from cancer after a brief illness on Sept. 21, 1998.

A longtime Kernville resident who retired to the Kern River Valley from Ventura, Calif., with his wife Velda A. Karr, after 29 years with General Telephone (GTE). Mr. Karr was born on June 15, 1921, in Los Angeles. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945, where he saw action in the Marshall Islands, Tinnea, and Saipan. He was a member of the Masonic Temple and the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge for many years. Bill's favorite pastimes were fishing the Klamath River, gambling at Lake Topaz, and spending time with his loyal dog, Candy.

Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Velda D. Karr; his sons, Gentry D. Karr of Los Angeles, and Michael D. Hays of Ventura; his daughter, Lynda L. Tyler of Big Lake, Alaska; brother Edward L. Karr of Colton, Calif., four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Bill is also survived by his 93-year-old uncle, Floyd Atchison of San Pedro, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Colby Parker Madison

Colby was born on Oct. 12, 1993 and was called home on Sept. 17, 1998. He was 4 years old.

Colby and his twin sister, Rebecca, were born in Bakersfield, and lived in the valley before moving with his family to Seaside, Ore. Colby is survived by his mother and father, Alisa and Marty Nelson of Ore.; brothers, Christopher and Connor; twin sister, Rebecca, of Ore.; maternal grandparents, Jim and Diane Childers, of Ridgecrest, Ron and Nedra Marks of Kernville; aunts Michelle Honeycutt of Susanville, Julie Greenwood of Kernville, Uncles Russ Honeycutt of Susanville, John Greenwood of Bakersfield; cousins, Stephanie and Shane Honeycutt and Brittney and Megan Greenwood.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up at NWC Community Federal Credit Union, 5496 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, Calif. 93240

Lyle Kriens

Lyle Kriens passed away on Sept. 21, 1998. He was 49 years old. He was born in Whittier, Calif.

Lyle Kriens lived in Mtn. Mesa and belonged to the Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his father, Earl Kriens; and wife of two years, Yvette Krien; and his daughter; and brother Mike Kriens.

He will be very dearly missed by everyone who new him very much.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mary Bridget Wall

A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday September 30, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mary Bridget Wall. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Wall was born September 12, 1910 in Hartford, Conn. and passed away Sept. 26, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was greatly loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Alfred St. Pierre of Caliente and daughter Sue Worford of Caliente, sister and brother-in-law Edna and Howard Baldwin of Conn., 5 grandchildren, Kim and Shan Spradlin of Bakersfield, Berry and Jennifer St. Pierre of Redondo Beach, Tony Ellis of San Francisco, Patrick Dubel of Connecticut, and Tracy Hill of Redondo Beach; one great-granddaughter Cortney Kleidon and niece Dorothy and husband Bob Williams of CT.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lawrence (Larry) David Vogt

Lawrence David Vogt passed away Friday Sept. 25, 1998 in Onyx, Calif.

Larry was born June 2, 1923 in Hinsdale, Ill. He served his country in WWII receiving medals in the Asiatic Pacific, and also in Europe and African Middle East.

He moved to California after his Honorable Disability Discharge in 1945. He had his own business and lived in Malibu, Calif. He later helped his parents build their home in Onyx and resided there working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Lake Patrol in the 1960's. He was a charter member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter CA23 and also a member of the American Legion Pacific Palisades Post 283.

As you travel through the beautiful Kern River Valley and in camp grounds around the lake, you will find many Eucalyptus species of trees planted through the years by Larry, standing like tall monuments in his honor. He loved trees, plants and music.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel of Onyx. He is also survived as a loving adopted father by his daughter Connie Penn of Redding, Calif., granddaughter, Anjel Schneider and two great granddaughters, April and Kari Schneider, also of Redding, Calif.

A military graveside service was held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield Friday Oct. 2, 1998.

We will always love and miss you Papa.

Iola Elizabeth Furgeson

Memorial services were held Saturday October 3, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Iola Elizabeth Furgeson. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonious.

Mrs. Furgeson was born January 2, 1919 in Madison, Wis., and passed away on September 28, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. She has been a resident of the Valley for 28 years, and a member of the Grandmothers Club and great-grandmother. She had exceptional patience.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years Wayne Furgeson of Wofford Heights, her daughter Pat Furgeson of Hesperia, sons, Donald Furgeson of Washington, Ronald Furgeson of Orange, Calif., Dan Furgeson of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., sister Winona Charles of Washington and 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ernest Dexter Hammond

A Mass for Christian Burial was held Monday Oct. 5, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Ernest Dexter Hammond. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Hammond was born August 8, 1913 in Shawnee, Ohio and passed away on October 1, 1998 at his home in Bodfish. Mr. Hammond and his family lived in Hawthorne, Calif. for 26 years and he worked at McDonnell Douglas for 35 years before retiring and moving to Bodfish 21 years ago. He was a member of the Machinist's Union and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling. He devoted his life to his wife and his sons. He is survived by his wife, Helen and his sons, James Hammond of Lake Isabella, Richard and Carol Hammond of Carson, Calif., Robert and Virginia Hammond of Henderson, Nev., David and Roseline Hammond of Bakersfield and sister Cecilia Smith of Bodfish, niece Carol Danter of Bodfish, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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Lyle Kriens lived in Mtn. Mesa and belonged to the Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of two years, Yvette Kriens; and father, Earl Kriens, his daughter; and brother Mike Kriens.

He will be very dearly missed by everyone who new him very much.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Bessie C. Whitten

Bessie C. Whitten, 86, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 8, 1998. She departed this life at the Kern Valley Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Lake Isabella after suffering a major stroke almost 3 months ago.

Mrs. Whitten was born in Sitka, Ark. on August 10, 1912. She came to California in 1944, moved to Kern County in 1947, and lived in Lake Isabella since 1981. She was a faithful member of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, E. Harvey Whitten; two daughters, Sarah and her husband William Robert Hobbs of Merced, Calif., and Sherry Gynendal Whitten of Corona, Calif;, two grandchildren, Nancy Johnson and her husband Aaron of Le Grand, Calif.; David Hobbs and his wife Kristine of Fresno, Calif., two great-granddaughters, Kelly Erin Hobbs and Katelyn Joy Hobbs of Fresno; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Monday, October 12, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Garden of Resurrection. Associate Pastor Bert Simpson officiated.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, by former Pastor Deryl Lackey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Oleta Faye Ramey

Oleta Faye Ramey passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 6, 1998, following a long illness. Oleta was born in Arkansas in 1931, and her family relocated to Arvin, Calif., in about 1933. She married Vernon "Henry" Ramey in 1948, and lived in Bakersfield until relocating to Johnsondale, Calif., in 1960. She and Henry worked in the logging industry in Johnsondale until the lumber mill closed in 1979.

Oleta was preceded in death by her husband Henry, her mother Metty Petty, her brother Charles Mounce, and granddaughter Donna Stubblefield. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Sondra and Paul Montgomery of Tehachapi, her daughter and son-in-law Pamela and Rick Quillen of Mojave, her daughter Sharin Ramey of Bakersfield, and her sisters Viola McManny and Christine Myers of Norwalk. Oleta is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Calif. Arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ruth Schuhmann

Ruth Anna Zar Schuhmann, age 86 of Joplin, Mo., passed away at 2:22 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, 1998 at Freeman Hospital East in Joplin after a lengthy illness.

Born September 5, 1912 in New Orleans, La., she was the daughter of Luke and Emma Zimmerman Zar. She had lived in Joplin since May of 1996, moving from Wofford Heights, Calif., where she had lived over 20 years.

Mrs. Schuhmann had done clerical work and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and was a member of Ladies of the Elks. She volunteered for the American Red Cross.

In 1960 she married Charles W. Schuhmann in Torrance, Calif. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Perkins of Pasa Robles, Calif. two daughters, Mary Houser of Escondido, Calif., Gerry Walters of New Orleans, La.; a step-son, David Schuhmann of Ahwahnee, Calif., a brother, Al Zar, Sr. of Joplin; a sister, Alma Ehrensing of New Orleans, La.; a granddaughter; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The body will be cremated and taken to Wofford Heights for services and burial. Arrangements are under the direction of Parker Mortuary.

Charles "Animal" Michael Stern

Charles was born on September 14, 1978. He was raised by his father since he was 7 years old. Although it wasn't easy growing up in a single parent household, but at the age of 20 he was turning into a fine young man. Dad was proud.

Charles "Animal" is survived by his father Charles L. Stern and stepmother Jean Stern; also his brother Ronald Stern; all of Wofford Heights.

Ronald, age 16, was in the car with his brother at the time of the accident but will be okay. Also surviving him is his sister Carolyn Barnhill of Bakersfield, his mother Linda Duggan of Portland, Ore, his grandmother Arvilla Stern of Lake Isabella and grandfather William Stern of Pinion Hills, Calif.; his aunt, Marilyn Copeland and husband Dave of Squirrel Valley and their daughter Trisha; 2 nieces, 5 uncles and numerous other cousins.

We will all miss him.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A Burial Fund for Charles Stern has been established at N.W.C. Community Credit Union for donations.

Margaret "Maggie" Compeau

Margaret Compeau passed away October 9, 1998 at her home in Weldon. She is survived by her husband Dan, three daughters: Karon of Portland, Sharon of Seattle, and Theresa of L.A.; and a son, Steve, of Wash. two sisters, Claire of San Francisco and Annette of Austin, Tex.; and a brother Harvey of Wash. Also, two grandchildren, Patty and Charlene of L.A. and five great-grandchildren.

Maggie was a woman with a great capacity for love of her fellow beings, and will be sorely missed. The world is a lesser place because of her passing, but God must have needed another angel.

Cremation by Lake Isabella Mortuary.

LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum

LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum was born on May 15, 1942, in Los Angeles, Calif. He passed away October 10, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. Mr. Kreighbaum was a resident of China Lake (1943-1960), when he joined the Air Force. He was discharged in 1964. He was an employee at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center from 1965 until his retirement in May of 1997. Mr. Kreighbaum truly loved his job at the Naval Weapons Center. He also was passionate about his rose garden at home, but he never quite considered himself a gardener. He always said that God was his "gardener," simply because he never did much to encourage its growth. The garden just sort of managed itself with God's help, as evidenced by the huge, beautiful roses that grew there. LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum was a devoted son, brother, uncle, and cousin. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 17, 1998 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery at 1 p.m. in Wofford Heights, Calif.

LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum is survived by his mother, Bertha Kreighbaum of Lake Isabella, his brother, Gary D. Kreighbaum of Fresno, a nephew, Douglas R. Kreighbaum and niece, Sarah F. Howard also of Fresno, an aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Norman and Edna Howarth of Reno, and numerous dearly loved cousins.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

David Matthew Donnelly

A memorial service will be held Friday October 30, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for David Matthew Donnelly. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

David was born January 21, 1955 in Los Angeles, Calif. and passed away October 20, 1998 in Wofford Heights, Calif. He lived in the Kern River Valley off and on for the past 5 years, sharing his time between his parents in Wofford Heights and his parents in Daton, Nev. Everyone always called on him to come to their rescue with their mechanical problems. He was well known and loved by everyone on the mountain.

He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Leigh Donnelly of Van Nuys, Calif., father and stepmother, Jack and Linda Donnelly of Wofford Heights, mother and step-father, Carol and Marv Ballard of Daton, Nev., brother and sister-in-law, James and Gale Donnelly of Brentwood, Calif., sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Gene Fleitas of Nevada City, Calif., and many aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Steven Earl Smith

Steven Earl Smith, son of longtime Riverkern resident Verna Clement passed away October 11, 1998 at the age of 61 at his home in Sherman Oaks, after a lengthy illness.

Steven served as Southern California manager in the presidential campaigns of Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. He was a native of Torrance and a graduate of Cal State L.A. and Whittier College School of Law.

Beginning his political career as Southern California chairman of the California Federation of Young Democrats in 1958, Smith was named the first administrative officer of the state Assembly in 1961 by its then-speaker, Jesse M. Unruh.

Steven ran unsuccessfully for the Los Angeles City Council in 1970.

Serving as executive director of the California Commission for Economic Development from 1973 to 1978, he took time out in 1974 to manage Mervyn Dymally's successful campaign for lieutenant governor.

Steven passed the California bar in 1977 and practiced law in Los Angeles for 20 years, serving for more than a decade as a federal bankruptcy trustee.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Helena Robinson Smith; two daughters, Catherine and Jennifer; and two sons, Steven Jr. and James; mother, Verna Clement & stepfather Eugene Clement of Riverkern; Brother, Sydney David Smith of Wofford Heights, and Brian Douglas Clement and family of Norwalk, Calif. Steven's father, Lyman Smith preceded him in death in 1955.

Steven and his family enjoyed the Kern River Valley very much; many family get-togethers were spent here with his mom & stepdad. Steven was known by many valley residents and he will truly be missed.

Daniel Alfred Williams

Daniel Alfred Williams was born December 23, 1915 to Oscar Williams and Alice Ruynan Williams in Wichita, Kan. He was raised on the Williams farm west of Caldwell. He attended the Bailey School through grade school and attended one year of high school in Caldwell.

On July 16, 1941 he was united in marriage to Altha B. Davis at Winfield, Kan. They went to Bell, Calif., August 2, 1942 and he was employed at Cal Ship Yard as a welder's helper until he had to report to the draft board in Wellington, Kan. He served in the U.S. Navy and took his boot training in Farragut, Idaho. His wife was able to join him until he was transferred to Treasure Island, then San Bruno and then shipped to Okinawa PT Boat #24. During this time their daughter Judy Ann was born in September 29, 1943 and their son Robert Eugene was born October 12, 1945. He received his discharge November 24, 1945 at Norman, Okla.

They purchased a home in Caldwell and he was employed at the Firestone Station, then Walt Norton Chevrolet as a mechanic. Then he worked for Neal Hess Plumbing Texas Houses. In 1947 they purchased the Fred Burcher Farm, and they lived there until 1958 when they moved to Farmington, N. M. and he worked for Vernie Schwertfiger. In 1962 they moved to Trona, Calif. where he worked in a liquor and deli until his retirement in 1978. They retired at Lake Isabella, Calif. and he passed away after a short illness of cancer and pneumonia, October 22, 1998.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of the home; his daughter Judy of Boise, Idaho; his son Robert at Orofino, Idaho; his sister Helen (Vicki) Masci of Reseda, Calif.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Melvin and sister Mildred Gerstmeyer.

Cremation was directed by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors and no funeral service will be held. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Any memorial offerings may be directed to the Cancer Fund.

OBITUARIES

Ed Ferges

Ed Ferges of Wofford Heights, Calif., passed away peacefully in his sleep the morning of November 5, 1998.

Funeral services were held Monday November 9, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel, officiating was the Kernville Masonic Lodge.

Ed waws born on January 6, 1913 in Liberty Hill, Tex. He was the youngest of seven children born to W.E. Ferges and Susie Hastings Ferges.

Ed spent his early years and youth on the family farm in Liberty Hill. During high school he lived with his sister Vreda in Hallsville, Tex., so he could go to school and play on the school baseball team. He loved baseball and continued to compete while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Ed came to California in the mid 1930's and lived with his sister Katherine and family in El Segundo. He met his future wife Janet C. Reese on a blind date set up by a family member. They were married on July 1, 1939 in Glendale, Calif., and set up their home in Hawthorne, Calif., where they raised their family of four children.

Ed was a member of the Hawthorne Masonic Lodge #647 and received his fifty year certificate in July of 1995. He helped in the construction of the Hawthorne Lodge building.

for many years he was active in the local little league and Boy Scout Troop 786. He camped and backpacked all over California with the scouts and family.

Ed was employed by North American Aviation and retired in 1975 having worked for them for thirty-nine years.

Upon retirement Ed and Janet moved to Wofford Heights, Calif., After settling in they rekindled their love of square dancing and became active in the Dam Dancers, traveling and dancing throughout the world.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Janet and his four children; Cathy, Carol, Barbara and Ralph, his 5 grandchildren and 3 breat grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family request remembrances be sent to the Alzheimers Disease and Research Association or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elizabeth (Sally) Brady

Sally was born in 1910. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William M. Brady, 2 sons, William and Duane Brady, 11 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren, also a sister Rosemary Dornan of Ohio, and a brother Charles Rausch of Tennessee.

Sally and her husband William retired to Wofford Heights in 1974, where they became active in the Elks, their church and Sally in the Altar Society. She enjoyed quilting, camping, fishing and her rose garden.

Her greatest love was her family, and for all who knew her and loved her, we will miss her dearly.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home

Vern Franklin Brindley, Jr.

Vern Franklin Brindley, Jr. was born June 27, 1930 in Oklahoma City and passed away in Mtn. Mesa on November 8, 1998.

Vern lived in Palm Springs, Calif., where he managed a Standard Oil station.

His mother lived in the Kern River Valley where Vern and his fiance Martha would visit often during their courting period. With the proposal of marriage Vern suggested they relocate to Kernville and they did. After the wedding Vern worked for the Kern High School District as a bus driver/custodian. He was there 21 years. Vern's passing was just shy of his 32nd wedding anniversary.

Vern is survived by his wife Martha and four brothers; Richard of Oklahoma, Jim of Arizona., Dennis of Texas, and Charles of Texas.

In recent times Vern has been busy battling cancer, which meant numerous doctor visits and treatments. He has fought strong and hard. However, on Nov. 1st he entered the hospital in Mtn. Mesa. On his 7th day there, he promoted to a heavenly home. The cause of death is noted as respiratory arrest due to pneumonia.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Floyd Perry

Memorial services were held Saturday Nov. 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for John Floyd Perry. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson. John was born Feb. 16, 1920 in a log home in Tupelo, Okla., in Indian Territory. He came to California in 1947 and worked at Torrance Unified School District for 40 years before retiring. He and his wife came to Lake Isabella 5 years ago. He and Lois were very involved in Saints Alive, the senior ministry of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. He enjoyed collecting pens and pencils and doing latchhook. He also enjoyed walking and singing.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Lois and his sons, Jim & daughter-in-law, Sally Kelley of Canyon Country, Deryl & daughter-in-law Sheryl Kelley of Colorado, daughter and son-in-law Joyce & Ernie Thompson of Torrance, brothers, Ralph Perry of Hemet, brother Earl & Betty Perry of Oklahoma, J.R. & Judy Perry of Oklahoma, and Roy & Retta Perry of Tehachapi, and sister Alli Kelly of Los Angeles, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also has loving church family, he will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eddie Richard Ashmore

Eddie Ashmore passed away on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1998. He was born Nov. 7, 1927 in Mayfield, Kan. He spent his youth in Needles, Calif. Eddie worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 20 years as a signalman. He has been married 28 years to Jean. They moved to Weldon nine years ago after living 20 years in Glendora, Calif. He was always fixing things and he liked fishing and hunting and in the later years of his life he took up needlework. Eddie is survived by his wife, Jean; son and daughter-in-law Kenny and Brenda Ashmore of Mojave Valley, Ariz; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Mike Andrews of Phoenix, Ariz., daughter and son-in-law Carla and Gary Ackerman of Henderson, Colo. He is survived also by 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, sister and brother-in-law Frieda and Harry Elliott of Lake Elizabeth, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mildred M. Bichner

Funeral services were held Tuesday Nov., 10, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Mildred Mary Bichner. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe and Pastor Floyd Castillo. Mildred was born May 26, 1914 in Bethesda, Ark and passed away Nov., 6, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for 27 years and a member of the Eastern Star and TOPS and the Moose, as well as a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She is survived by her sons Gary Bichner and Larry Kent, and 3 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gary Ulvig

Gary Ulvig, a long time resident of Kernville, past away in his sleep on Nov., 6th 1998. He was 56 years of age. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Martha Ulvig. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

OBITUARIES

Richard "Dick" Orin Crane

Richard Orin Crane of Kernville went to be with the Lord November 18, 1998. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 21, 1998 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella, and Pastor Richard Lewis officiated.

Richard Crane was born in Kansas City, Mo. on January 8, 1915. He lived and worked in Southern California after serving in the United States Armed Services throughout World War II as a member of the Navy.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances, who shared his life for forty years. He was also preceded in death by his parents Guy and Marie Crane, and by his son Richard O. Crane II. He is survived by his son David J. Crane and his wife Julie Crane of Fortuna, Calif., granddaughters Kimbery of Fortuna, Antonia of San Francisco, grandsons Steven Alan Crane of Eureka, Calif, Steven Crane of Spokane, Wash. and Edward Hunter Crane of Connecticut. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jerry Singley of Palos Verdes, Calif, and Ted Singley of Wash. His great-grandchildren include Oliver and Brittney Visser of Phoenix, Ariz, Tiffancy and Violet Crane of Eureka, Calif. He is also survived by Popeye, his dog.

He and his wife Frances made Kernville their home in 1974. He was known by all of his friends as Dick Crane. His photographic art captured many of the scenes of the Kern Valley transmitting the local beauty of the region to art collectors throughout the country.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Gilmore "Tony" Paquet

Tony Paquet was born June 15, 1929 in Peoria, Ill. He died November 17, 1998 in Las Vegas, Nev. Tony enjoyed fishing and bowling as a member of the K.V. CBers Club. He was known as Jelly Bean. He resided in Lake Isabella for 13 years and moved to Las Vegas, Nev. in December of 1997.

Tony is survived by his wife of 14 years Evelyn of Las Vegas, Nev., daughter and son-in-law Katherine and Steve Truax of Bodfish, Calif., daughter Carolyn Goff of Las Vegas, grandchildren Steven and Matthew of Bodfish, Christopher and Miranda Reese of Las Vegas. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Bell Templeton of Lake Isabella, Calif, and brother-in-law Leland Templeton of San Bernardino, Calif, brother-in-law John Templeton of Lake Isabella, Calif, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ellen and Jesse Tyree of Fresno, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Pat and Gary of Lake Isabella, numerous nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews and many friends. Tony will be missed by all. Memorial services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel on November 21, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating was Pastor James Lee.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Mitchell Everd Prince

Beloved son, grandson, and brother was shot during a robbery in Fresno. So violent for such a loving, gentle, young man.

Mitch was born in Bakersfield, but moved with his family to Wofford Heights where he started the 3rd grade. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1993. Mitch received the Principal's Award and several scholarships.

He worked part-time at the Elks Lodge where he loved all the members, and they loved him.

Mitch was a rare gem in today's world. Never in any kind of trouble and never a discipline problem. He lived by godly principles. Even a little guy, he had so much maturity for such a young age. He had such sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

After high school, he enrolled at Fresno State majoring in journalism and communications. He received his BA Degree in May of this year.

He worked as a "free lance" reporter/writer for the Kern Valley Sun the summer after completing his freshman year in college. After graduating in May, Mitch decided to stay in Fresno, which had become home. He had a nice apartment and more job opportunities. He also had made many good friends in that area.

He was a hard worker and held down a part-time job all through college.

A special young man with a future filled with such promise. Mitch touched so many lives in his short 23 years.

Mitchell's loss is mourned by his parents, Paula and Patrick Prince of Wofford Heights, brothers Pat and Mike of Wofford Heights, grandparents Marguerite (Margo) and Archie Page of Kernville, grandmother Marge Prince, Aunts Paula and Pam of Arkansas and Patsy of San Simeon.

Our beloved, your time with us was so brief. Even as we struggle with our devastating grief, we know you are with God in his special place. And the cares of this harsh world, you'll no longer have to face.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery, officiated by Pastor John Carpenter. Funeral arrangements provided by Valley Mortuary.

Ada Harriet Read

Funeral services were held Wednesday November 25, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ada Harriet Read. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Ada was born June 23, 1913 in Los Angeles, Calif. and passed away November 22, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa after a long illness. She has lived in the Kern River Valley for 33 years and she Bingo'ed all over the Valley and garage sale-ing was her other passion. She had many friends wherever she went and she had a delightful sense of humor.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Ora and Elwin Vernon of Washington state, her nieces Lorraine Anhorn of Lake Isabella, Ada Shannon of Calif., Nancy Vernon and Helaine Peter of Washington state, Gail and Jim Hughes of Arizona and nephew Lee Scott of Calif. Also many great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paul Dzaich

Paul Dzaich was born January 26th, 1933 in Glendale, Calif. and passed away at home on November 23, 1998.

A memorial service was held at the V.F.W. Post #7665 in Lake Isabella on November 25, 1998.

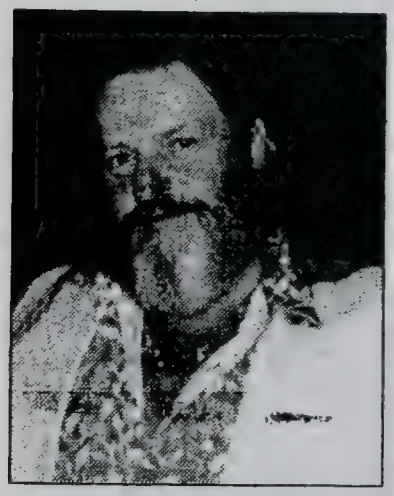
Paul is survived by his children, daughter, Debra and husband Gary Plaunt of Seattle, Wash., Denise and husband Gil Goch of Michigan, son, David Dzaich of Michigan, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brothers Mike and Joe, and sister Martha.

He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years, and was known by many great friends here.

Paul was a restaurant owner, bartender, and probation counselor at Camp Owen Erwin for 18 years. Paul loved to hunt, fish, and have campfires in the woods. Most of all he loved people.

He will be missed greatly by all and especially, his companion of 20 years Corinne August.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Charles (Chas) Papp

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 15, 1946. One of five boys born to Charley and Delores Papp. He is preceded by his father, Charley and brother Michael Papp. He is survived by his loving mother, Delores, his brothers; Dale (Karen); Dennis, Jeffrey (Roxanne); by his loving daughters Kim Fink, Brenda and Miguel Socha and his self adopted son, Domenic and Tina Gonzales. He will be deeply missed by the love of his life Susan Ritter and daughter Kelly of Lake Isabella. Also survived by his four grandchildren, and many, many treasured friends.

Chas was a very artistic person. He enjoyed Mother Earth and wild life. He was an uncle to every child who knew him. He loved the outdoors; fishing, camping, hiking and collecting things to make his birdhouses and custom art.

Chas always said, when he died that he wanted to be cremated and to throw a party in his memory at the lake. Services: Lake Isabella Auxiliary Dam, Launch #17 at 1 p.m. Saturday December 12,1998. "Put my fishing pole out, open a beer and set out my chair."

Laura Ann Adams David

Memorial services were held Friday, December 4, 1998 at 1 p.m. for Laura Ann Adams David at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Laura was born June 24, 1963 in Arcadia, Calif. and passed away November 29, 1998 in Caliente, Calif.

She has been a resident of the Kern Valley for the past 10 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by her parents Ernie and Barbara Adams of Caliente, her daughter Christina David of Caliente, brother and sister-in-law David and Donella Adams of Bodfish, brother and sister-in-law Ernie and Joyce Adams of Diamond Bar, brother Rick Adams of Chino Hills, brother and sister-in-law Mike and Debbie Adams of Arizona, sister and brother-in-law Diane and Robert Verreras of Lake Isabella, and many nices and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

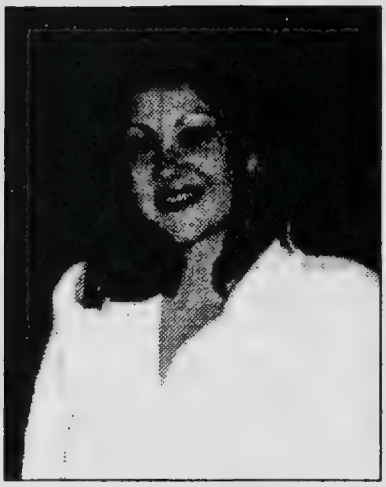
Betty A. Joyner

Services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998 for Betty Joyner, who passed away Sunday, Nov. 30 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Betty was born in Pasadena on Feb. 3, 1923. She was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Joyner. Betty is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Jan Haskell of Seattle, Washington, and four grandchildren. She also leaves behind a brother and sister-in-law, Lauren and Kay Sterling of Washington.

Betty was a loving and caring person who loved the Kern River Valley. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Debra Lynn Barr

Debra Lynn Barr passed away on Dec. 5, 1998 in her home. She was 43. Debra was born in Lynwood, Calif. on June 27, 1955 to Maude Barr and moved to Wofford Heights one year ago. She was a Human Resources Specialist for Western Exterminator.

She is survived by her mother Maude Barr, her fiance Fred Timmerman, 5 brothers; Robert, Clark, David, Alan and Larry Barr, and twin sister, Denise Barr, four nephews and niece; Michael, Brandon, Jared, Brian and Summerly Barr.

Debra loved her family and she was very generous and kind to all who knew her.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 10a.m. at Valley Mortuary, officiated by Pastor Chuck Semonious. Burial will be at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Verna Andie Wright

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville First Baptist Church for Verna Andie Wright of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis.

Verna was born April 23, 1914 in Creighton Missouri and died at her residence in Wofford Heights November 25, 1998. She was 84 years old.

Verna started her real-estate business Verna Wright Realty upon moving to the Kern River Valley in 1963. She was a charter member of the Board of Realtors and former President.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Jim and Lorie Andie of Weldon, Owen Andie of Wofford Heights, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

William "Paul" Spencer

Memorial services were held at Kernville United Methodist Church on Dec. 9, with Reverend John Carpenter officiating. Paul passed away Dec. 4, 1998 in Bakersfield. He was born November 12, 1914 in Northville, Mich. He came to California at the age of eight residing in Costa Mesa, later moving to the Downey area. He served in the U.S. Armed Services during World War II. Paul retired after a career in sales and moved to Kernville. He and his wife, Nita have resided in Kernville for over 20 years. His wife Nita, and his sons and their families were the most important things in his life. He cherished every moment he shared with them. Next to his family he enjoyed travelling. His RV travelling with his wife, Nita, enabled him to see the United States in all its beauty. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Nita of 43 years, sons, Bill Spencer and wife Diane of Middletown, Calif; Bob Spencer and wife Sandra of Provo, Utah; grandson Erik Spencer and wife, Chris of Fairfield, Calif., and by granddaughters, Sherry and Shawna Spencer of Provo, Utah.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Leary Handel

Funeral services were held Tuesday December 15, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Dorothy Leary Handel. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Dorothy was born December 23, 1909 in Waterburg, Conn., and passed away December 9, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years. She enjoyed bowling at the Mt. Mesa Lanes.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Andy and Ann Leary of Kernville, son Jim Leary of Larkspur, Calif. and her sister Ellen Wilson of Florida, and her granddaughter Patty and her husband Brian Lanterman of Lake Isabella, and two great-grandchildren Camron and Blake Lanterman of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

DECEMBER 23, 1998

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Dix Gunningham

A memorial service will be announced at a later date for Dorothy Dix Gunningham who passed away December 16, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. after a long illness. She was born November 3, 1918 in Pauls Valley, Ok. and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years. She enjoyed fishing here and she was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights, Calif. Interment was held at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, Calif.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Naomi and Charlie Horton of Bodfish, her nephew Ronald L. Peters of Oregon, niece and her husband Charlsa and David Boone of Los Angeles, and two great nephews Jonathan and Justin Boone.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elsie J. Cruz

Elsie J. Cruz born April 14, 1926 in Latrobe, Penn., and passed away Thursday, December 17, 1998 in a hospital in Santa Maria of natural causes. She was formerly a resident of Kernville, but has resided in Nipomo, Calif. for the past four years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roberto P. Cruz in 1970 and her brother Carl Ankney of Penn. Elsie is survived by her daughter Michaelle Hall of Kernville, sons Roberto Cruz of Nipomo and Frank Cruz of San Diego, Calif; sisters Laura Incandella and Isabell McElwee of Penn.; brother Fred Ankney of West Covina, Calif., and three grandchildren.

At her request no services will be held and cremation will be followed by interment in the Desert Cemetery in Ridgecrest, Calif.

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Barbara Jean Meuer

A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday Dec. 29, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. for Barbara Jean Meuer at St. Jude Catholic Church. Officiating was Father Eric Lofgren.

Mrs. Meuer was born May 1, 1939 in New York and passed away December 23, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa.

She has been a resident of Bodfish for the past seven years. She was Vice Commander of the DAV in North Highlands, Calif. and Girl Scout Leader for many years, and worked as the activity director in nursing homes for many years. She spent a lot of her time helping other people and was also a volunteer for the Forest Service. She was a avid Yankees fan.

Barbara is survived by her husband Ted of 42 years, and her daughter and son-in-law Marie and Rick Chamberland II of Harrogate, England, son and daughter-in-law Paul and Theresa Meuer of San Antonio, Tex. and son and daughter-in-law Bernard Zink Sr. of Sacramento, four grandchildren, Jennifer, Ricky, Mark and Jessica and four sisters, Patricia, Mary, Helen and Laretta and two brothers, Bernard Jr. and Jonathan.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ruth Lillian Ridgway

Ruth Lillian Ridgway passed away December 30, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa after a short illness. She was born December 29, 1914 in Des Moines, Iowa.

There were no services held as Ruth had requested. She was burried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. next to her parents.

Ruth moved to California from Iowa when she was 6 years old and graduated from Lincoln High School in Los Angeles after which she attended four years of Bible College. She worked in the aircraft industry during WWII then she was a nursery school teacher for many years.

She moved here to the Kern River Valley from Clear Lake, Calif. 22 years ago.

She is survived by her sister Myrtle in Northern California, and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Boda Yates

Boda was born to her parents Oscar and Nancy on May 20, 1933 in West Virginia. Boda was raised with a strong belief in family and faith. She brought up her family to believe in those very same ideals. Throughout her life, she worked hard to provide for herself and her family. In 1990 Boda moved to the Kern River Valley to be with her family. Here, her family was able to give her the same loving care and compassion that she was always able to give. Her family diligently cared for Boda as she grew ill in her twilight years. But on December 17, 1998, Boda heard the calling of her maker, and went home to be with the Lord. She was 66 years, 7 months and 27 days old. Though Boda is gone from us, her loving tenderness, care, and compassion that she provided for so many will live on forever.

Boda Yates leaves behind four very special daughters, June, Brenda, Tish and Dorothy. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Nicole, Alex, Katie, Amber and Michael. She has two surviving sisters, Rachel and Alberta. Boda's husband Frank preceded her in passing in 1986.

"We love, her. We will miss her. Goodbye sweet Mommy." ... Love, your daughters.

Gertrude Pauline Roberts

A Mass for Christian burial was held Friday December 4, 1998 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in St. Louis Mo. for Gertrude Pauline Roberts of Ridgecrest. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Gert was born December 4, 1907 in St. Louis Missouri and died November 29, 1998 in Lancaster, Calif., after a short illness. She was 90 years old.

Gert was a former 36 year resident of the Kern River Valley, a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

She is survived by her brother Joseph Sick of Bowling Green, Missouri, two nieces and two nephews and her friend and care giver Merle Jenkins.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

George Lee Walter

A memorial service was held Friday January 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for George Lee Walter. Mr. Walter was born June 19, 1927 in San Pedro, Calif., and passed away January 4, in Bakersfield, Calif.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a terminal manager for a molasses company in Long Beach, Calif. He and his late wife, Virginia moved to Wofford Heights in 1989 from San Pedro, Calif. He was a member of BPO Elks #2358 of Wofford Heights, and a avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his sons, Gary and David Walter, stepdaughter and son-in-law; Colleen and Randy Jenkins, stepson and wife Mike and Linda Brinkley and grandchildren, Letitia, Tamara, Brooke, Matthew, Melissa and Ryan.

Brother Robert Walter, nephew James and nieces Daye and Paula. Brother-in-law and wives, Donald and Gerri Headley, Raymond and Mary Headley and Gene and Linda Headley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Catherine Smith

Marge was born July 25, 1922 in Boston, Mass. She moved with her parents and brother Carl to So. Calif., where they resided in Monrovia. After high school Marge moved to the South Bay area. She met her first husband and together had six children. She divorced and later married her second husband and had one more son. Together they moved to Kernville in 1962 and bought what used to be called the Walker's Inn near the bridge.

Marge kept herself busy. She was secretary for the Lady Elks, as well as a Charter Member. She also was among the first of our local Sweet Adelines. Later, she involved herself with a C.B. base station and volunteered her time with Chl. 9 REACT group.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband Charles (Smitty) Smith, and sons Ralph and Carl. She leaves in passing, sons: Robert of San Diego, Richard of Lawton, Okla., David of Wilmington, Calif., and Dan of Kernville. Daughters: M.C. (Snooky) Magness of Los Lunas, N.M., and Sandy Logston of Corning, Calif. Marge was also blessed with 12 grandchildren and several wonderful great-grandchildren.

According to Marge's wishes, there will be a small private family get together, however no formal services.

Your kindness and smile helped and gave us warmth. May our mom rest in peace.

Edna Eunice Morton

Graveside services were held Tuesday Jan.12, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edna Eunice Morton. Officiating was Paul Paulsen of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Lake Isabella.

Edna was born Oct. 16, 1910 in Tennessee and passed away on Jan. 8, 1999 in Bakersfield. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She enjoyed cooking for everyone and she was a good wife and mother, and a kind and compassionate person.

She is survived by her son Cecil Morton of South Gate, brother Elmer Parrish of Alabama, brother-in-law and wife Walter and Chrystal Morton of Lake Isabella, and sister-in-law Edith Farris of Ore.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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Robert John Katzenmeyer

Private arrangements were made for Robert John Katzenmeyer who passed away Jan. 13, 1999 in Bodfish. Mr. Katzenmeyer was born May 21, 1928 in Minneapolis, Minn., and lived in the San Fernando Valley for many years, and worked for Litton Industry for 20 years and then owned his own truck and delivered moblehomes for about 3 years before retiring, then moving to Bodfish. He enjoyed hunting and he trained his own bird dogs.

Robert is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ione Katzenmeyer and his son Matthew Katzenmeyer of Sunland, Calif., his daughter Michele Brandon and grandson Christopher Brandon of Washington.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Winona Opal Davis

Graveside services were held Saturday January 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. for Winona Opal Davis, officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Mrs. Davis was born March 15, 1921 in Paoli, Okla. to Mr. and Mrs. James White (Malie Bleer) and passed away Jan. 10, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

Winona was a very sweet, gentle and stubborn lady. She enjoyed visits from family and had moved to Lake Isabella from Ada, Okla, in 1997 to be near them. She loved to play games with everyone and enjoyed quilting and reading.

She is survived by her husband Leonard E. Davis of Lake Isabella, her daughters and son-in-laws, Norita and James Lockhart, Glenda and Stanton Lowry, sister Mitta Simpson and brothers, Ronald Dean Bleer, Deion Bleer, and Arley Bleer, grandchildren, Mike Lockhart, Cindy Lowry, Melody Arnold, Mitchell Lockhart, Mark Lockhart and Tim Lowry, also 9 great-grandchildren.

She was very much loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Vivian Margaret Wise

Memorial services were held Saturday Jan. 23, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Vivian Margaret Wise, who passed away after a long illness on Jan. 18, 1999 at the Nursing Center in Mtn. Mesa.

Mrs. Wise was born Feb. 10, 1920 in Detroit, Mich., and has lived in Wofford Heights for 24 years. She enjoyed playing bridge and painting pictures of the hills in our valley.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Fred C. Wise of Wofford Heights; sons David (and Jerri Wise) of Norwalk and Jeffrey Wise of Los Angeles; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Robert Olsen of Wofford Heights; and sisters Doris Bellair of Detroit, Mich. and Mickie Ranken, of Lakewood, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frances Mae Larsen

Frances Mae Larsen passed away Jan. 18, 1999 in Torrance, Calif. She was born July 5, 1923 in Omaha, Neb.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband Ray, a retired Los Angeles City Fireman. They were long-time residents of Gardena, Calif., before retiring to Wofford Heights in 1968. Fran was a dispatcher for the Steam Fitters Union Local #250. She loved to play bingo throughout the valley. She is survived by her son, Larry (Jerryl) Larsen. Services were private.

George Lee Walter

A memorial service was held Fri. Jan. 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for George Lee Walter. Mr. Walter was born June 19, 1927 in San Pedro, Calif., and passed away Jan. 4, 1999 in Bakersfield.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a terminal manager for a molasses company in Long Beach. He and his late wife, Virginia, moved to Wofford Heights in 1989 from San Pedro. He was a member of BPO Elks #2358 of Wofford Heights, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his close friend Lorraine Haskett; sons, Gary and David Walter; stepdaughter and son-in-law Colleen and Randy Jenkins; stepson and wife Mike and Linda Brinkley; grandchildren Letitia, Tamara, Brooke, Matthew, Melissa and Ryan; brother Robert Walter; nephew James; nieces Daye and Paula; and brothers-in-law and wives Donald and Gerri Headley, Raymond and Mary Headley and Gene and Linda Headley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Stephen Phillips

Stephen Randolph (Clary) Phillips, a former resident of Kern Valley, died Sat. Jan. 16, 1999 at Lancaster Community Hospital. He was 45.

Stephen was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Nov. 18, 1953. He was dedicated at the First Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, Okla. The family moved to El Segundo when he was two years old, and he became a member of the Hermosa Beach Church of the Nazarene. He attended Hawthorne Christian School in Hawthorne. He also attended Crenshaw Christian Elementary in Torrance; Leona Cox Elementary and Sierra Vista Junior High; and Saugus and Leusinger High School in Lawndale.

He was active in Little League in both Torrance and Saugus. Stephen won such awards as Outstanding Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year.

Even as a young boy, he was a caring person. He donated his time to children at the Shriners Circuses, earning prizes for them with his pitching skills. He was also with the Boy Scouts of America and enjoyed motorcycles and automobile races. At the time of his death he was teaching the Safari Club at his home church, Calvary Assembly of God, Ridgecrest.

Stephen's name was changed to Clary at a young age, but he returned to the Phillips name at the birth of his first child.

Previously, Stephen was a manager of the Bud Eyre Chevrolet Body Shop. He was employed at George's Auto Body Shop, Ridgecrest, as an auto body man.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Ridgecrest; mother Bess C. Clary of Onyx; son Ryan Scott Phillips of Hawthorne; daughters Heather Lynn Phillips and Krista Lee Phillips, both of Ridgecrest; brothers Stanley L. Clary of Onyx and Wallace "Corky" G. Clary of Bishop; sister Lorraine McCullough of Lakewood, Colo., niece Jessica R. Clary of Bakersfield; and nephews Austin McCullough and Julian McCullough, both of Lakewood, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Julius J. Phillips; stepfather Wallace G. Clary; grandparents Edmund Maxwell and May "Moon" Cackler and Julius Hunter and Winifred Pauline Phillips.

Visitation was at Holland and Lyons Chapel with funeral services following at Calvary Assembly of God, 800 W. Upjohn Avenue, Ridgecrest.

Pastor Chuck Hobson officiated.

Robert Franklin Johnson

Robert Franklin Johnson was born on Nov. 4, 1916 in Fort Abercrombie, N. D. His youth was spent in North Dakota, and later in South Dakota, where he worked as part of the CCC camp there. In the 1930s he moved to California. On Aug. 8, 1940 he married Lois Margaret Berg.

Bob worked for the Edison Company in Inglewood, Calif., then for Standard Oil until he entered the U.S. armed services where he served in anti-aircraft during World War II. After the war he and his brothers were in the service station and Ford mechanical business until 1966. Owning and operating Johnson's Sporting Goods for 12 years was the fulfillment of a dream. He loved the valley and meeting its people. Then Bob's hearing failed so that his operating the business was no longer possible. The Johnsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990. Bob and Lois are charter members of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Bob died at the age of 82 years on Dec. 18, 1998 in Shafter, Calif. Mourning him are his wife Lois; their two children, Diane and husband Philip Aune of Redding, Calif., and Mark R. Johnson of Kernville; five grandchildren, Todd Aune, Jennifer and Jessica Johnson, Alissa Aune, and Laura and husband Michael Haskell; and many loving and caring nephews and nieces; and all of you who are here today, along with those who can be here only in spirit.

He is interred at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in anticipation of the resurrection.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Dora B. Weldon

Funeral services were held Saturday Jan. 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Dora B. Weldon. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Jim Williams of Rexland Acres Baptist Church.

Dora was born June 26, 1928 to John and Mary Weldon, and passed on Jan. 24, 1999.

Dora was raised in Kelso Valley and attended school in Riverside, Calif. Frank and Dora Manwell raised nine loving children together. She is survived by Doris Wolf of South Dakota, Linda Estrada of Bakersfield, Joyce Perez of Ridgecrest, Walter Manwell and Glenda Manwell of Lake Isabella, Shirley Manwell of Mtn. Mesa, and Floyd Manwell of Weldon.

Mom leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Also three surviving sisters, June, Lena and Ollie.

Mom is preceded in death by her husband Frank Manwell, sons Frankie and Arthur Manwell, a grandson, Louie Perez, and four brothers.

Mom will be dearly missed by her children and all who knew her, also her special friends. Most of all Mom loved being with her children and grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Olive Estelle Cronin

Private arrangements were made for Olive Estelle Cronin who passed away on Jan. 22, 1999.

Olive was born in Bakersfield, on Sept. 6, 1917 and worked for the school district before WWII where she met her husband John T. Cronin. They then moved to the Bay Area until returning to the area and moving to Bodfish in 1978. Olive enjoyed bowling and was on the bowling leagues in Mtn. Mesa for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband John and is survived by her son John O. Cronin and grandson John M. Cronin, both of Los Altos, Calif.; two sisters Idie Graham, Gertrude Braden, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles David Friand

Charles David Friand entered into eternal rest Jan. 17, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

"Chuck" was born in Hesdries, Ore., 1931. He and his wife Elene raised three children and owned and operated Young's Radiator Shop for 35 years in the San Fernando Valley. After that they retired to the Kern Valley in 1990.

Chuck's wife cared for him during his lengthy illness until he returned home to his Heavenly Father's care.

Chuck will always be loved and missed by many whom he touched in life. His loving, honorable ways live on in our hearts.

Chuck is survived by his wife Elene; daughters LaNell and Linda; son Dale; grandchildren Nicole, Angela, Sean, George III, Michael, Stephanie, Steven, Timmy and Addy; and great-grandchildren Nicholas, Ronald, Ericia, and one yet unborn.

He is also survived by brothers Dale and Jim; sisters Evelyn, Ruth and Joene; many nieces and nephews; and sons-in-law George and Gilbert.

Memorial services were held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dora Benepe

Dora Margaret (Phillips) Benepe, 81, of Hazleton, Ind. passed away Saturday evening at her home.

She was a member of Eagles, Moose, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries, Hazleton Lions and Rebekah Lodge. She was a member of United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Joe Earl Brackin of Hazleton; a sister, Edith Pearl Hurt of Lake Isabella, Calif.; a brother, Joe Phillips of Hobart; five granddaughters, Paula Pinkstaff, Pamela Duncan, Kyela Jones, Karla Brackin and Marla Rollo; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Her husband, James, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Wednesday, at Colvin Funeral Home, with burial in Shiloh Cemetery.

Dora was a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years.

Lee R. Waldrop

Lee R. Waldrop, 76 of Elizabethtown, Ky., died Fri., Feb. 5, 1999 at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Lawton, Okla. Maj. Waldrop retired from the United States Air Force after serving in WWII and the Korean War. He also retired from Civil Service, 2nd ROTC Region at Ft. Knox. he was a World Champion Payload Scale 1957 and 1958, a charter member of the Fort Knox Retired Officers Association and a member of the American Legion.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Hattie Waldrop who were residents of Onyx from 1940 until their deaths. He is survived by his wife, Joan McHenry Waldrop of Elizabethtown; his children, Jeff Waldrop of Tulare, Calif., Kurt Waldrop of Bakersfield, and Vicki Meadows of Bakersfield, and their spouses; a special friend, their mother, Elizabeth Waldrop of Lake Isabella, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial Service was held on Monday at Brown Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 643, Elizabethtown, Ky., 42702-0643

Eugene V. Victorine

Eugene V. Victorine passed away on Jan. 29, 1999 in Seattle, Wash. at his daughter's home. Mr. Victorine (Vic) was a longtime resident of Lake Isabella. He became ill in 1996 with cancer and remained at his home in Lake Isabella until he was unable to remain alone. He loved fishing, Lake Isabella and his many friends. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and a retired postal worker. His family thanks all of his many friends that helped while he was ill. Their help and compassion is so greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the Herroms for all of their help with transportation to and from medical appointments, and their faithful friendship.

Wesley A. Rice

Funeral services were held for Wesley A. Rice on Feb. 2, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel with graveside services by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7665 at Kern Valley Cemetery. Services were conducted by Reverend Floyd R. Castillo.

Wesley was born on Dec. 7, 1917 in Los Animas, Colo. to Walter and Rose Rice. He had two younger sisters, Opal and Jewel. When he was five years old, the family moved to California where he was to grow up and eventually attend Fremont High School. While in high school, he played the trumpet and was a member of the USC Marching Band and was selected for the Los Angeles All City Marching Band. He also won an American Legion Scholastic Award for an essay he wrote.

Wes worked in a defense job during World War II, but on May 30, 1945, he decided to enlist anyway and so he went down to the Navy Recruiting Office and signed up in the Navy, or so he thought. Someone pointed to him and some others and said... "You are in the Army..." and so he spent the next 18 months in the Army, being honorably discharged on Oct. 7, 1946.

He was active in his community, first as Reserve Police Officer in El Monte where they lived for 27 years, and a Life Member of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars, and a charter member of the Moose Lodge here in Kern Valley. He was a hunter and fisherman, an avid reader and was always willing to help others.

After his service to his country, Wes began to work for the L.A. City School District as a steamfitter where he continued until disabilities took over and he had to retire in 1972. Wes and his wife Lillian moved to the Kern Valley in early 1973 where they have lived until his death on Jan. 27, 1999.

Wes is survived by Lillian, his wife of more than 62 years, their sons, Wesley and his wife Eileen and their five children Laura, Lisa, Lynda, Leiann and Jenifer and between them, they have 11 grandchildren; son John and his wife Christine and their two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica and John's other children Wesley, Jason and Donna. John has seven grandchildren, making a total of 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren for Wes and Lillian. He is also survived by his two sisters, Opal Monders of Van Nuys and Jewel Bolton of Salem, Ore. as well as his cousin, Cora Baldwin of Lake Isabella and many nephews and nieces.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Pierce

Memorial services will be held Sat. Feb. 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Lake Isabella for Helen Pierce who passed away at her home on Feb. 9, 1999 after a long illness. Officiating will be her son Charles Stevens.

Mrs. Pierce has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 11 years. She enjoyed reading and helping people, but most of all bringing people to the Lord.

Helen is survived by her husband of 16 years, Melvin Pierce of Mtn. Mesa, Calif., and her son Charles Stevens of Indiana and sister Irma and two brothers Ronaldo and Jim.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

B. John Rutledge

Services: Thursday, February 18, at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 562 James Road, Kernville, Calif., with graveside services at Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights.

John, 68, was born in Sasakwa, Okla., and lived most of his life in the Bakersfield and Wasco area. He was discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1954, and went on to have various occupations. Once known as "the man who talked to clocks," John moved to Wofford Heights in 1968 to be a "mountain man" and the only State Farm Insurance Agent in the Valley.

During his 31 years here, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge Scottish Rites, the Search and Rescue, and was once a Marshal for Early California Days.

He shared his life with his childhood sweetheart and wonderful wife, Carmen. His other family members include: His mother, Lilly Rutledge; sister-in-law, Dorothy Forsyth; children, Rod Dye, Rya Chasmar and John Rutledge; grandchildren, Patience Dye, Jeff Hill, Matthew, Jeffrey and Joshua Rutledge; great grandson, Dylan Ledbetter. Also his daughter-in-law, Doreen Dye, and son-in-law, Mike Chasmar.

Thank you to all of his friends for your support during the past years. We know he is in a better place, and we love him dearly.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Valley Mortuary, 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Merle W. Ankrum

Merle W. Ankrum, 91, was born June 29, 1907 in Marshalltown, Iowa. He worked in Marshalltown for 40 years at Dunham Burch Co. as the supervisor for Braun-Sharp Automatic Machines, then moving to Hemet, Calif., for 5 years, finally moving to Kernville. He enjoyed making wood bird houses and animals.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; son, John M. Ankrum of Hemet, Calif.; two daughters, Marcini Goodman of Marshalltown and Mae Bishop of Port Arthur, Tex.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Jacob Matthew Spears

Jacob Matthew Spears, beloved son of James and Bettina Spears and brother of Jeremy Spears. Services were held on Sat., Feb. 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn Glendale, Forest Lawn Mortuary.

Jeanne Spencer

Jeanne Spencer was born on July 30, 1921, to her parents John and Josephine Szymanski in Philadelphia, Penn. Jeanne was raised on the east coast of the United States, and in 1941, she married the love of her life, Angelo Spencer. Angelo was a member of the United States Navy who traveled a great deal, so Jeanne spent much of her early years moving around with him. Together, they traveled the world and had some wonderful experiences. This is one factor that helped in giving Jeanne a uniquely dry sense of humor, along with a sharp wit. Everyone who knew Jeanne, loved her immensely. In 1960, Jeanne and Claire, Annette, and Lee, and three cousins, Bobby, Joanie, and Carole. She is also survived by her niece, Linda, two very special long time friends Toby Adams and Caryl Len Gabbert, and by numerous other nieces and nephews.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert Dale Allen

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 22, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bob Dale Allen who passed away on Feb. 17, 1999 in Bakersfield, Calif. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols of the Full Gospel Church in Mtn. Mesa, Calif.

Bob was born in Kansas City, Kansas on Jan. 1, 1944 and lived in the Los Angeles area where he worked as a drapery installer for over 20 years before coming to the Kern River Valley in 1989. He lived in the Valley with his son Christopher Allen. He enjoyed restoring old cars, and he loved everyone in the valley. He never knew a stranger.

He is survived by his son Christopher Allen of Bakersfield, Bob Allen of Phoenix, Ariz., David Allen of Great Falls, Mont., his mother and father Nita and Jim Regney of Weldon, and half brother PeWee Allen of Brownsville, Tex. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gary Welcher

Gary was born in Los Angeles Nov. 22, 1944. He passed from this life into God's Kingdom on Feb. 26, 1999. He spent the last few months at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility in Mt. Mesa. Gary is survived by his daughter Lana and son-in-law Jeff Elfstrom and five grandchildren of Lake Isabella; his daughter Jeane and son-in-law Bryan Hill of Bakersfield; his father Orville Welcher of Lake Isabella; his brother John and sister-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; his sister JoAnn Taylor of Bodfish; Aunt Pat, Aunt Marye, Aunt Ione, Uncle Jack and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

After high school Gary worked as a commercial fisherman in San Diego on a family owned boat. Then Gary was trained and worked as a journeyman master meat cutter for several large grocery chains in the Los Angeles area before moving to the valley. Gary was a P.B.A. bowling professional and won many awards. He taught bowling to a lot of the valley residents at Mt. Mesa Lanes. Gary liked to trout fish and loved this valley.

All the family would like to thank Kern Valley Hospital Acute Care and the Skilled Nursing Center for their care and kindness during Gary's illness.

We love you Gary and will see you again one day. There will be no services per Gary's request. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Katherine Joyce Irving

Katherine Joyce Irving was born on May 3, 1937 and passed away Feb. 18, 1999. She is survived by her husband, Michael Wayne Irving; three daughters, Vicki & Don Dicksen, Elizabeth Kosharek & Dave Boosalis, Linda Wesala Baker & Wallace Baker, Alan Wesala; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, all of Lake Isabella; brother Don and Barbara Tolle of Bodfish; brother Bill and Jean Tolle of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister Nancy Kalb; Erlanger, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews.

Ernest Harvey Whitten

Ernest Harvey Whitten, 85, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 22, 1999 following a difficult battle with cancer. He departed this life at the Hylond Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Merced, Calif.

Harvey was born July 9, 1913 in Evening Shade, Ark. He and his late wife, Bessie, came to Calif., on 1944, moved to Kern County in 1947, and lived in Lake Isabella since 1981. Harvey was retired from Tosco, having worked 30 years in various areas of the oil refinery. He was a faithful member of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by two daughters, Sarah Hobbs and her husband William Robert "Bob" of Merced, Calif.; and Sherry Gynendal Whitten of Corona, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Nancy Johnson, her husband Aaron, and their son Travis Nathaniel of LeGrand, Calif.; David Hobbs, his wife Kristine, and their daughters Kelly Erin and Katelyn Joy of Fresno, Calif.; a brother, Henry Oren "Jack" Whitten of Monette, Ark; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Friday, Feb. 26, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Garden of Resurrection. Associate Pastor Bert Simpson, Lake Isabella, officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, Calif.

Nina Reichert

Graveside services were held Sat. March 6, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Nina Reichert of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Reichert was born June 25, 1923 in Minsk, Russia and passed away on Feb. 28, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa after a long illness.

She moved to the United States from Germany in March 1956 and to the Kern River Valley in 1976. She began working at the Kern Valley Hospital Oct. 1980 as a Central Service Technician until her illness. She touched many people's lives and was loved by all. She was very creative and the love she felt within was expressed by her loving touch.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert Reichert; her son & daughter-in-law Ellenore and Berry Butz of Weldon; daughter Katharina Reichert of San Dimas, Calif.; two grandchildren, John Robert Butz and David Gregory Shurtleff; and three special friends Margaret Misitz, Mary Hendrickson and Murille Tilley. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alyce Mae Williams

Alyce Mae Williams was born March 25, 1929 in Marithon, Tex. Her husband who passed before her was Gene Williams.

Alyce is survived by Clare Windham of Lake Isabella, Brenda Boggs of Long Beach, Genie Mae Escobar of Gardena, Calif., Barbara Grant of Washington and special friends; Helen and Ron Hornaday; Barb and Stan Shaw; Marty Davis; Norma and James Payne; Annie, all of Lake Isabella.

Gladys Mary Donovan

Private arrangements were made for Gladys Mary Donovan, who passed away March 6, 1999 after a long illness.

Mrs. Donovan was born April 2, 1918 in Cleves, Ohio and moved to the Kern Valley after retiring from the University of New Mexico 11 years ago. She enjoyed doing ceramics and was a volunteer at the senior center for nine years helping with the crafts.

Gladys is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Robert and Katherine Donovan of Ridgecrest; grandsons Jason Donovan of Ft. Hood, Tex. and Jeremy Donovan of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; granddaughters Traci (and Jim) Schoot of Baton Rouge, La., Michele D'Amico of Tampa, Fla., and Jacquelyn Donovan of Albuquerque, N.M.; and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frances Elenor Fenner

Private arrangements were made for Frances Elenor Fenner. No services will be held as per her request.

Mrs. Fenner was born Aug. 20, 1912 in Crary, N. D., and passed away March 12, 1999 in Mountain. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was a great Mom.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda Fenner of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law Mary and Bill Keehn of Kingman, Ariz.; daughter and son-in-law Thorene and John Beckmann of Covina, Calif.; daughter Marilyn Stonebraker of Mountain. Mesa; also, by 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a brother, Windle Lein of Washington. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert Reichert; son and daughter-in-law Felix and Elaine Reichert of Oregon; daughter and son-in-law Ellenore and Barry Butz of Weldon; daughter Katharina Reichert of San Dimas, Calif.; two grandchildren, John Robert Butz and David Gregory Shurtleff; and three special friends, Margaret Misitz, Mary Hendrickson and Murielle Tilley. She will be greatly missed. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Lee Pruett

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville for Robert Lee Pruett. Mr. Pruett was born in Los Angeles, and moved to the Kern River Valley where he and his mother homesteaded up by Chimney Peak in the 1930's until he went into the Navy in 1942 and moved his mom to Weldon where he lived until he married Doris Bishop in 1952. He lived in Canebrake for years, moving to Onyx. He worked for the state Division of Highways and retired after 34 years of service in 1968. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, the Scottish Rite in Bakersfield, American Legion and the VFW Post 7665.

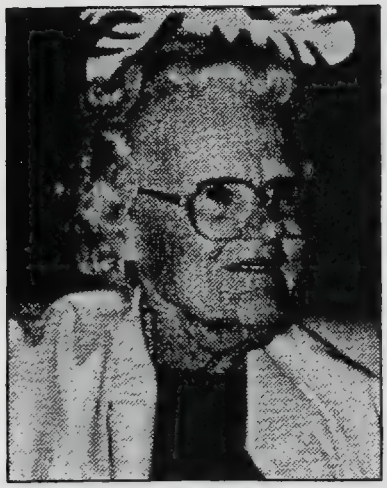
He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Doris, of Onyx; his daughter Nina and her husband William Sharp of Pleasanton, Calif.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Lloyd Pruett of Palm Springs, Calif. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

James Floyd Sadler

Funeral services were held on Wed. March 17, 1999 for James Floyd Sadler who entered eternal life March 12, 1999. James Floyd Sadler was born March 14, 1933 in Edna, Okla. He was a United States Army Veteran belonging to VFW post #7665. He was a resident of Lake Isabella for 12 years and a volunteer bingo caller for the Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Mary I. Sadler; his first wife Virginia Flanagan and mother-in-law, Lucy Montoya; ten children, George, Linda, Robert, Gail, James Jr., Debbie, Annette, Elvis, Tina and Vickie; 15 grandchildren, Daphane, Amanda, Dena, Andrea, Jacqueline, Aaron, Chad, Kent, Cicily, Jonathan, Angelina, Elvis Jr., Adam, Brittany and Tara; two great-grandchildren, Justin, Austin and granddaughter Dena's unborn child; and his special friend Jackie Dog. Also, by his brothers and sisters, Red, MaryAnn, Bob, Rooster, Pauline and Danny; and many nieces and nephews. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Hazel B. Gibbins Watts

Hazel Bernice Gibbins Watts, 84, of Bodfish, passed away Sun. March 21, 1999 at her home.

She was born in Cushing, Payne Co. Okla., on Sept. 13, 1915 to Clyde Homer "Doc" and Winnie Davis Lavender Gibbins. She is preceded in death by her parents, two older sisters, Gladys Kelsey, Georgia Anders and a younger brother Melvin C. "Red" Gibbins. In her younger days she was a homemaker raising two children, she was a carhop for a while before becoming a pottery painter for Gladdy McBean Franciscan Ware. She had painted the Desert Rose Pattern for many years, retiring in 1980.

She and her husband Lonnie M. Watts were married Sept. 29, 1933 in Oklahoma City, Okla., moved to California after the birth of their daughter in 1935, a son was born in 1937 in California. The Watts family lived in and around Kern County before settling in Glendale and then later the Burbank area. They bought a home in Bodfish in 1992 where they enjoyed fishing and taking rides around the lake. They had been coming to the valley since the 1940's and introduced their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the area.

Survivors include her husband Lonnie M. Watts of Bodfish, daughter Jo Anne (Jody) Watts, Chadduck and husband Ronald of Bodfish, son Billy A. Watts of Burbank, grandson Michael A., wife Karen S. great grandchildren Colin A. and Laura E. Chadduck of Kirkland Wa., grandson Russell E., wife Susan M., great-grandchildren Brian D. and Loni Carol Chadduck of Thousand Oaks, grandson Daryl E., wife Erica and great-grandson Robert Watts of Palmdale. Several nieces, nephews, and other relatives in Tulare Calif., Oregon and Texas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Florence Rebecca Weiser

Funeral services were held Fri. March 26, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Florence Rebecca Weiser. The Ladies of the Elks were officiating. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mrs. Weiser was born January 16, 1915 in Adel, Ga. and passed away on March 22, 1999 in Lake Isabella. She has been a resident of the valley from 1977. She was a volunteer at the Senior Center from 1983 and a past President of the Ladies of the Elks. She enjoyed Crocheting, doll making, crafts, and reading. She is survived by her brother Sam Griffin and wife Laura Fay and sister Flonnie Gourlay of Lake Isabella. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carroll Lawrence Griggs

Private arrangements were made for Carroll Lawrence Griggs who passed away on March 22, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa, after a long illness. Mr. Griggs was born March 31, 1916 in Arlington, Texas and has been a resident of the Kern Valley since 1972. He was a member of the Side Band CB'ers and the Side Walk CB'ers. He loved fishing and camping, but most of all he loved being with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Maggie Griggs and son and daughter-in-law James and Connie Griggs of Duncan, Ariz and two grandchildren, Diane and her husband Ronald Sturm and Linda Kay Griggs.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Ray Brewer

John Ray Brewer was born on June 11, 1955 in Tacoma, Wash. John was raised with a sense of self-reliance. He grew up to be a strong, independent man who would never raise a hand to anyone out of violent wrong doing. John's brother Steve said that times were tough early on with his brother, but in the last couple of years, they grew close. No one who knew John ever really had a bad word to say about him. John had many, many friends, all of whom he helped out whenever he could. He was known to be a very smooth talker, who could pretty much sell you anything, including the shirt off your own back. The thing that was most improrrtant to John, however, were his sons. he loved his boys fiercely, and did everything he could for them. Of all things to remember most about John, was that he loved and cared for his family and his friends. Unfortunately, John's time here with us was cut too short. In a tragic accident, John was taken from us on March 17, 1999. Funeral services were held on Wednesay, March 24, 1999 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. The number of people whose lives John touched was evident by the 200 plus people in attendance of his service. John will be truly missed by all and his absence will be felt for a long, long time. We love you John.

John Ray Brewer is survived by his mother, Dorothy Ambler of Tacoma, Wa.; his father, Larry Brewer and his step mother Phyllis Brewer of Weldon; his brothers, Steve and Jim Brewer; sister Carrie, all of the Kern Valley. John is also survived by his sisters Sarah Payne, Carla Villalba , Kathy Villabla, all of Tacoma, Wa.; Donette Villabla of Lynwood, Wa. Most importantly, he is survived by his sons, AJ Brewer, Jacob Brewer and Jordan Brewer, for whom John dedicated his life to. John is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and by many, many specially friends and relations.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lois Norma Leonard

Age 66, beloved mother and friend, passed away March 21, 1999. Lois lived in Lake Isabella and donated much of her time to the Senior Center. She loved to play cards with her friends and go fishing. She will be missed by her family and friends. There will be no services. Donations may be made to "Link to Life" in her name at 1706 Chester Ave. $450 Bakersfield, Ca 93301. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kenton Milo Gritton

Memorial services were held Tues. March 30, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Bert Simpson officiating for Kenton M. Gritton who was born on Feb. 9, 1919 in Urban, Ill., he left this world quietly as he lived it on March 24, 1999.

His wife of 56 years Eleanor, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jerry W. Phipps of Norwalk, Calif., granddaughters Shara-Lea Phipps of Hurst, Texas and Kathleen and husband John Patterson of Victorville, Calif., sister-in-law Mary and three generations of numerous nieces and nephews will deeply miss him and the special country music he filled our younger days with, not only at McNally's before the lake, but at the many family gatherings held along the river. Kenton brought his young wife and baby daughter to Johnsondale shortly after WWII, making these mountains and Kern River his home, settling near the lake after the closing of the lumber mill, staying here through all the many changes over the past 55 years, never losing sight of the mountains he loved, quietly wandering among the hills and canyons, and as he begins a new journey, we know his spirit still wanders along the river.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Madonna Irvine

A memorial service was conducted by the ladies of the Elks on Thursday March 18, 1999 for Madonna Irvine who was called by God at 1:20 p.m. March 15, 1999. At her side, holding her hands was her husband of 42 years, Irv Irvine, and her daugher Annette Collins.

She is also survived by her son Larry Ormond; grandaughter Donna Collins; grandson Christopher Collins, great-granddaughter Meghan Collins and many nieces and nephews.

Madonna was born in Anderson Ind. on Sept. 18, 1917. She was 82 years old. In 1953 Madonna and her son and daughter moved to El Porto Calif. to live with her mother. On Nov. 10, 1956 she married her husband Irv in Manhattan Beach Calif. Madonna and Irv moved to Wofford Heights full time in 1981. Madonna was active in the Ladies of the Elks, Grandmothers Club #94, The Kern Valley Woman's Club, a Bunco Club and the Bingo Buddies.

Madonna was a sweet, generous and charitable person and will be dearly missed by her family and her many friends.

Marguerite Ellen Allen

Marguerite was born Nov. 10, 1909 in Flandreau, S.D. The daughter of Leon and Bertha Taylor, she married Lloyd Allen in 1951. She passed away on March 31, 1999. She is survived by her husband Lloyd of Lake Isabella; sister Eleanora Gardner of Modesto; daughter, Doris and son-in-law Robert Griswold of Mtn. Mesa; step sisters Doris Dillinger of Oregon; Dixie Akers of Oregon, and step-son Hubert Allen of Arizona; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Ardyce Davis of Buena Park, Calif., and grandson Thomas Griswold of Long Beach.

Funeral services were held April 6 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow followed by interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lillian Rutledge

Graveside services were held April 2 at 11 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, Calif. Lilly was born in Oklahoma and lived most of her life in Kern County to the age of 90 years. She and her husband, Ode, had a building supply business for many years in Wasco, Calif. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971. Lilly is survived by her sister Calley Martin of Oklahoma; daughter Loree Rutledge of Lake Isabella; daughter-in-law Carmen Rutledge of Wofford Heights; grandchildren, David Rutledge of Lake Isabella; Rya Chasmar and husband Mike of Vista, Calif.; John Rutledge of Portland, Ore.; Rodney Dye and wife Doreen of Wofford Heights; great-grandchildren Patience Dye of Bakersfield; Jeffrey Hill of Wallace, Idaho; Matthew Rutledge of Taft; Jeffrey Rutledge of Taft; Joshua Rutledge of Taft and great-great-grandchildren Dylan Dye of Bakersfield and Joshua Hill of Lancaster.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Claudia Iona Hailey

Claudia was born Dec. 30, 1913 in Ryan, Okla. The daughter of Benjamin and Dessie Olivia, she was the youngest of 11 children. Her death came quietly after an extended illness on March 26, 1999. She is survived by her daughter, Myretta (Marty) Alcorn and husband Ed of Bodfish; grandchildren Skip, Bobby, Becky, and Pat; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; five nieces; two dearest friends Lois Trotter and Faye Winemiller. She is also survived by the "love of her life" her little dog named "Little Bit."

Graveside services were held April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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Annie Louise Walden

Annie Louise Walden passed away on March 16, 1999. The Waldens have been in and out residents of this valley since 1964 and bought property here in 1973. She is survived by her husband Robert of over sixty-five years, six children, fifteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at McCormick-McMillan in Gardena Calif., March 22, at 1 p.m. Interment at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Cecil Ray Edmondson

Cecil Ray Edmondson, 74, of Lake Isabella passed away March 24, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He was born Feb. 14, 1925 worked for the County of Los Angeles. He retired in 1977 and moved to the Kern River Valley. Ray belonged to the Masons of Los Angeles and Kern River Valley Moose Lodge, Shrine Club of Lake Isabella, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion of the Kern River Valley.

Ray came to live with us at the Burlando Assisted Living in Kernville Feb. 2, 1999 where he tried very hard to overcome his illness. We didn't get to have a lot of time with Ray, but he was our friend. He was a sweet and intelligent man and will be missed by us all.

Robert H. (Buster) Clayton

Funeral services were held Thursday 11 a.m. at the Full Gospel Church in Mountain Mesa for Robert H. Clayton. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols. Mr. Clayton was born Jan. 29, 1916 in Beggs, Okla., and passed away April 4, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 16 years. He farmed in Kern County for 64 years. He enjoyed gardening, camping and hunting and he was a member of the Full Gospel Church.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosie Leona Clayton; four sisters, Bertie Sturman of Oklahoma., Irene Brown, Daisy Robertson and Ruby McWhirter all of Lake Isabella; and a brother William Clayton of Tulare; three children, Robert Earl Clayton of Bakersfield, Leon Wayne Clayton of Wofford Heights, Carolyn Sue Bumps of Bakersfield; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

James Martin Payne

James Payne was born on August 18, 1925, and passed away on April 6, 1999 in Bakersfield. James is survived by his wife of 56 years, Norma Payne. They had four children together, Clare Windham, James Wilson Payne (deceased), Brenda Boggs and Linda Franklin. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Richard Windham, Kelly Windham, Kimberly Barela, Debbie Jones, and James Payne Jr. His surviving grandchildren are Stephen Jones and Destiney McIntosh. Mr. Payne is also survived by his sons-in-law Richard Windham, Bryon Boggs, and Brian Franklin.

Mr. Payne was born in Blytheville, Ark., to his parents Ada and Greene Payne. He moved to California in 1952. He worked and retired from Lockheed Aircraft. Mr. Payne enjoyed going on trips and also to the horse races. He was a really good dad and husband and we love him very much. to all the friends who have cared and been there for Dad through all his years of illness, the family thanks you.

Nina Estelle Morningstar

Private arrangements were made for our beloved mother and grandmother Nina Morningstar who passed away March 29, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital. Nina was born in Dade County, Mo. to John and Zora Bishop and was preceded in death by her husband James and seven brothers and one sister. She moved to the valley from Ventura in 1996 where she worked in the nursing field specializing in geriatrics.

She is survived by daughter Judy Baker of Ventura, daughter Imogene Kleeman of Lake Isabella, son and daughter-in-law Leon and Iona Morningstar of Lake Isabella, also seven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Barbara Ann Girch

Barbara Ann Girch, born Aug. 25, 1933 to parents Niels and Flora Jensen in Dannebrog, Neb., passed away April 13, 1999. She had been a resident of Weldon for 12 years. She was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, the VFW Post 7665 Auxiliary, belonged to the 500 Bowling Club.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Don Girch, daughters, Cami McCluskey of Huntington Beach and Shari Siebrecht of Kingman, Ariz., and three grandchildren.

Thank you to all her friends for their prayers and support through this difficult time.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

M. Dolores Hebrank

Funeral services were held Mon. April 19, 1999 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, for M. Dolores Hebrank who expired April 14, 1999 at the Kern Valley Nursing Center after an extended illness. She was born June 2, 1922 in Braddock, Pa.

She was a member of the South Fork Women's Club. She was a resident of Weldon for 19 years.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joseph Hebrank. She is also survived by five nieces in Orange County and one in Reno.

She will be missed by those who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Esther Mary Heyser

Esther Mary Heyser was born Nov. 6, 1907 in Oklahoma Territory to Robert and Rhoda (Loomis) Austin. Mrs. Heyser moved to Southern California where she grew up and married Sidney Heyser in 1927 in Los Angeles. During WWII she worked in area aircraft factories, first as a riveter and then advanced to an inspector. She lived in the Los Angeles area until 1964 when she moved to the Kern River Valley and then to Nevada City in 1991.

Esther Mary Heyser is predeceased by her husband Sidney Heyser in 1989. Mr. Heyser is survived by her daughter Andea Heyser of Rough and Ready, Calif., son Robert "Fritz" Heyser, daughter Joanne Harris, both of North San Juan, Calif., seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, as well as numerous other relatives.

Arrangements by Hooper & Weaver Mortuary, Inc.

Margaret Blanche Lightner

Funeral services were held for Margaret Blanche Lightner on Fri. April 16, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Margaret passed away in Mountain Mesa on April 13, 1999. She was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 7, 1917. Raised in the valley, Margaret grew up with a sense of pride in her local heritage. In her life, she became wonderfully well-organized and individually blessed with many, many talents. Adept at arts and crafts, Margaret used her organizational skills to create some of the most wonderful and detailed quilts and afghans. In her life, she met the love of her life, Lynn Reynolds Lightner, and the two were married on March 28, 1947 in Yuma, Ariz. In her long and colorful life, Margaret did many things. For some time she served as the City Manager of the town of Needles, Calif., where she was also a member of the Eagles Club. But a while back, Margaret became ill. And on April 13, 1999 she went home to be with the Lord. She will be truly missed by all.

Margaret is survived by her husband Lynn Lightner of Wofford Heights, her daughter Joyce Colby of San Leandro, and her sister Deannie Pool of Clovis, and by the rest of her family and special friends.

Albert Edward Ladner

Private arrangements were made for Albert Edward Ladner who passed away April 15, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Ladner was born in Los Angeles and has lived in Mountain Mesa for the past 14 years.

He retired from the Santa Fe Railroad after 15 years. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his wife of 22 years. He is survived by his wife Vida and son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Linda Ladner of Los Angeles, and son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Cathy Setinc of Kernville and three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary "Olga" Conrad

Funeral services were held Sat. April 17, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. for Mary "Olga" Conrad at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Olga was a resident of Kern County for more than 50 years and a resident of Kernville for ten years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors while living in Delano and a member of the Four Square Church in Wofford Heights for the past ten years. She loved to play Yahtzee, and going to her Bible Study. She loved her church and her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Conrad in 1996. She is survived by her daughter June Conrad of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Ronnie Crowder of Kernville; four grandchildren, Billy and Lynette Hunt of Santa Fe, N.M., Clint and Lisa Hunt of San Jose, Ronnie Crowder Jr. of Sulphur Okla., and Robbie and Jennifer Hunt of Bakersfield; 11 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Ford and Marry Williams, brother and sister-in-law Bill and Mary Williams, all of Buttonwillow, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law Jimmy and Twila Williams of Bakersfield and sister Nina Beatrice Kibbe of Kernville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Diana Kay King

Funeral Services were held Wed. April 21, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Diana Kay King. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow. Diana was born March 18, 1946 in Hermosa Beach, Calif. and passed away on April 17, 1999 in Bakersfield after a long illness. She has lived in the Kern Valley for 22 years and worked at the Kern Valley Hospital for 12 years.

Her animals were her first love. She had the biggest heart for animals, especially cats. She raised Persians for years. She loved flowers and the outdoors. She was preceded in death by her father, James Rolfe; her sister, nephew and grandson.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Don King; mother and step-father, Thelma and Frank Wilson; daughter and son-in-law, Tony and Drew Berry; sons and daughters-in-law Greg and Kristi King, Derin and Cassie King, Eric and Robin King; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Virgil and Chet King; grandchildren, Derek, Daniel, Charlie, Sara, Luke, Emily, Nicole and Christy.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Obituaries

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May 5, 1999

Merv Burbank

Merv Burbank passed away March 20, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights. He was 79 years old. He had lived in the Valley for about 18 years. He was a 35 year member of the Eagles in Bellflower, Calif. He was also a member of the Moose and V.F.W. He had been a CPA for over 45 years.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; two daughters and one son; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He also had four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier, Calif.

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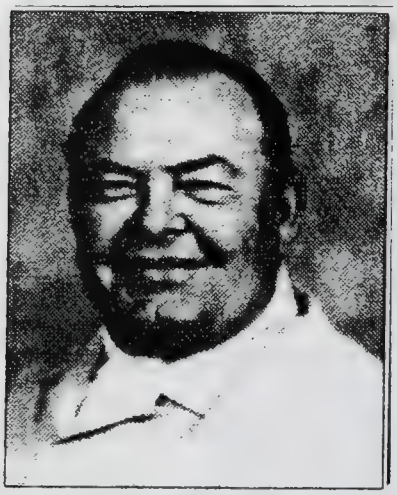
May 12, 1999

Nancy Mae Knollenberg

Funeral services were held Friday May 7, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Nancy Mae Knollenberg who passed away on May 1, 1999 at her home in Weldon after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church. Graveside services were held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills, Calif. Nancy was born February 20, 1915 in Collinsville, Oklahoma and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley from 1982. She enjoyed crafts and her family.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Lyle and Jan Knollenberg of Bentonville, Arkansas and son and daughter-in-law Ross and Linda Knollenberg of Ridgecrest, son and daughter-in-law Gordon and Bea Knollenberg of San Diego, and daughter and son-in-law Linda and John Fulton of Goliad, TX. Also, 21 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Claude (Grizz) Bess

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park in the "Garden of Memories" on Saturday May 15 at 1 p.m. for Claude Bess of Weldon. He went home to be with his Lord May 10, 1999 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Eufaula, Okalahoma on September 16, 1928, Claudie and his parents moved to Bakersfield in 1940. He attended East Bakersfield High School and went on to enlist in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He married Jackie Lee in 1949 and they raised three children.

Claudie was an active person, a manager and coach at the Greenfield Baseball Association for several years. After retiring, he and Jackie moved to Weldon. As an outdoors person he enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, raising a garden and cutting wood. As an avid fisherman, he spent a lot of time at Lake Isabella with with his friends and family. He was a member of the Kern River Valley C.B. Club. Through this club he made many friends and enjoyed all the activities and outings they had.

Claudie was preceded in death by his parents, Will & Emma Bess, his son Billy Bess, and grandson, CPL. Dustin Shawn Boesch, six brothers and two sisters. Claudie is survived by his wife Jackie of 50 years, two daughters, Susie and Debbie; sons-in-law Danny and Gary; two sisters, Mary Jagow and Jewel Godfrey; four grandchildren, Travis, Kristi, Sarah and D.J.; great-grandsons Tyler and Kyle, and many nieces and nephews.

Officiating the service was Pastor Richard Hill. Pallbearers include Kenny Baker, Gary Gifford, Sam Griffin, Travis Smith, Wayne Smith and Joe Springstead. He will be truly missed by all his family and many friends who enjoyed fishing with him.

Funeral arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.

James K. Stapp

Funeral services were held May 24, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James K. Stapp of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Beaunase of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

James was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 33 years and was the manager of Inyokern Airport for 15 years. He was the chief of the Volunteer Fire Dept. of Inyokern for about five years. He was the past president of the Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners Association. He was also the owner of Stapp Automotive Service in Wofford Heights from 1961 to 1967.

James enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and went to Death Valley every year with the Death Valley 49ers. He is preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy and his son Jimmie K. Stapp. He is survived by his wife of four years, Betty, and his son Douglas E. Stapp of Sacramento; daughter and son-in-law Virginia and Paul Gregg of Hawaii; brother and sister-in-law Wilber and Lois Stapp of Cherry Valley, Calif,; and grandchildren and their spouses Paula and Carl Chappell of Ridgecrest; Tim and Cindy Stapp; Tina and Steve Norvy of Sacramento; and Christopher and Faith Gregg of Hawaii.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leroy C. (Tex) Behrens

Funeral services were held May 25, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leroy C. "Tex" Behrens. Officiating was Pastor Carlos Fandino of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Behrens was born Dec. 15, 1916 in Mason, Tex., and passed away May 20, 1999 at his home in Squirrel Valley after a long illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 19 years. He was in WWII and worked at Feolds Band Instruments for 40 years. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and taking care of the Nazarene Church. He is preceded in death by his wife Moline in March 1998.

Mr. Behrens is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Toni and Larry Holochwost of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Diana Behrens of Glendale, Ariz.; a brother, Roscoe Behrens; a sister, Nell Skurlock of San Angelo, Tex.; and grandchildren Matthew and Bonnie Holochwost of Bakersfield and Jennifer Remtema and Samuel Behrens of Glendale, Ariz.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gene Elbert Garber

Memorial services were held May 20, 1999 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Gene Elbert Garber of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston. Mr. Garber was born Aug. 7, 1930 in Colorado Springs, Colo. and passed away May 13, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Gene spent 16 years in the army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and 10 more years in the Reserve. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years. He enjoyed painting and drawing, especially wildlife. He was a member of the Family Life Center.

Gene was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Ann, in 1958, and is survived by his wife of 47 years Barbara Garber of Wofford Heights; son Gene Garber of Southlake; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Christine Garber of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Karen Ann and Robert Mix of Rogers, Ark.; brother and sister-in-law Howard and Geri Garber of Redding; sister Carol Fizer of Chico; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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OBITUARIES

Lola Mae Smith

Funeral services were held Friday May 28, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at the Kernville Baptist Church for Lola Mae Smith. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis and Pastor John Revis. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Lola went home to be with her Lord and Savior May 24, 1999 at home in Kernville with her family at her bedside. Lola is preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Wayne.

Lola was born 79 years ago in Quitman, Mississippi and moved to Long Beach, Calif., with her family in 1954. After vacationing in the valley for many years, Wayne and Lola moved to Kernville in 1978. They have spent many happy years here. They were both members of the Kernville First Baptist Church.

Lola is survived by her son Donald Smith of Long Beach; daughter Dinah Smith of Cerritos; brother and sister-in-law Lamar and Fran Culpepper of Florida; grandson and wife Craig and Patty Allison of Buena Park; great-grandchildren, Erica and Spencer; sister-in-law and husband, Eloise Purvis and Bill of Mississippi.

Lola's children would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to all her friends and neighbors for their loving support and help over the past year. You are the best!

Pallbearers were Craig Allison, Don Filker, Ike Tucker, Stephen Tucker, John Novosel and John Newcomer.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edith L. Blue

Edith L. Blue passed away June 3, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nev. Edith was a long-time resident of Bodfish. She enjoyed fishing, working in her garden and dancing.

Edith was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Harrison, Ark. Edith was one of 16 brothers and sisters. Edith was preceded in death by her loving husband, Hayden Blue.

Edith is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Diane Blue, of Las Vegas and their children, Joe Jr., Todd, Crystal, Cammile, Tony, Monique, Veronica and Elizabeth; and son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Diana Blue of Bodfish, and their children Melinda and Meghan.

A memorial service will be held in Las Vegas.

Arlene Castelnuovo

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 29, 1999, at 4 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Arlene Castelnuovo of Weldon. Officiating was Larry Howie.

Arlene was born Oct. 5, 1927 in Dolores, Colo. and died May 26, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. She was 71 years old.

She was a 20-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Eugene of Weldon; mother Lola Lisenbury of Wash.; sons Daniel Holt of San Bernardino, Dennis Holt of Pinion Hills and Eugene Castelnuovo, Jr. of Bloomington; daughters Diana Falludca of Glendora, Peggy Turbow of Mo., and Diana Carraher of Fontana; brothers Ernest Lisenbury of Wash. and Allen Lisenbury of Ore.; sisters Dorothy Tracy and Lora Reiman of Wash.; and 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Peter Bruches, Jr.

Private arrangements were made for Peter Bruches, Jr., who passed away on May 31, 1999 in Bakersfield. Mr. Bruches was born Dec. 28, 1914 in Broome County, N.Y. He worked for General Electric for 35 years before retiring and moving to the Kern Valley 24 years ago. He was a member of the Elks and a former Exalted Leader. He also enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by his son Peter Bruches of N.H.; grandsons Peter Bruches of Riverside and John Bruches; grandaughter Tina Newton; and great-grandchildren Robbie, Randy and Ryan.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Albert Ross (Al) Dodson

Graveside services were held June 4, 1999 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Albert R. Dodson. Officiating was Pastor C. Preston North.

Mr. Dodson was born July 19, 1917 in Hickman, Ky. and passed away May 31, 1999 in Bakersfield. Al was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Construction 63rd Battalion ("CBs") serving during WWII from 1942 to 1945. Returning to Oklahoma City to join his wife and daughter and working as foreman at Bell Lumber Co. and going on to become a building contractor, he was a major developer of Del City, Okla. during the early '50s.

Moving to Calif. in 1953 where he continued as a building contractor, during the late '70s he became a mall improvement contractor for major shoe and clothing stores in the Bay Area.

Retiring in Lake Isabella 1979 where he loved to fish and go boating, he built the first hand-peeled log house in the Kern River Valley.

He was a member of the Kern Valley Country Club and the Men's Golf Club for 15 years and a member of the local Moose Lodge. Al enjoyed fishing, boating, rock hounding and golfing.

Albert is survived by his wife of 59 years, Trilbia A. Dodson; daughter Judith Wirsing and son-in-law Richard Wirsing of Nipomo; granddaughter Shawn Vasquez and her husband Ed Vasquez of Nipomo; grandsons Daniel Wirsing and Richard Wirsing; and four great-grandchildren: Eric, Jimmy, Peter and Katherine Vasquez, also of Nipomo.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles "Chuck" Frederick Wild

Charles "Chuck" Frederick Wild left family and friends suddenly on June 9, 1999. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 26, 1930.

He is survived by his wife Lila M. Wild of 48 years, three sons, Michael and wife Linda Wild; Steve Wild; Larry Wald; and daughter Cindy DiAngelo and husband Andy; three grandsons, Ben Wild, Daniel Wild and Eric Wild; two granddaughters, Ashley Marie and Briana Danville DiAngelo.

He joined the Air National Guard 190th Fighter Bomber Squadron unit which was activated soon thereafter. After military service he worked for Ryan Aeronautical/Teledyne retiring after 36 years. He spent two additional years with Scientific Atlanta before retiring in 1988 to Kernville. During his life he was a scoutmaster for seven years, an adviser for a coed high adventure post backpacking and canoeing with teens all over the Southwest. He also worked with the scouting high adventure team for years, taught canoeing with the American Red Cross and American Canoeing Association. He was the recipient of the Scouting Order of Merit, and the District Silver Beaver Award for service to youth. He was a member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Team since 1993 where he enjoyed working with Rosey, the Search and Rescue dog.

He had a profound love for God's country, family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Chadwick S. Speer

Graveside services were held Saturday June 12, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, for Chadwick S. Speer who passed away Wednesday June 9, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Speer was born November 5, 1922 in Tower Hill, Ill. He spent most of his life working in Auto body repair, till retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1985. He enjoyed golf and traveling with his wife and the Escapees R.V. Group. He attended the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Speer of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Randal and Sue Speer of San Diego; daughter and son-in-law Rosemary and David Kirby of Hesperia; daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Dan Stephens of Poway, Calif.; grandchildren, Dawn Coffman, Tricia Densen, Tami Stephens, Curtis Randolph, Connie Kelly, Patsy Kerby, Sheridan Speer, Jereny Speer, Nicki Speer and Nina Speer. Great-grandchildren, Marcus Coffman, Cassie Baker, Andrew Stephens, Mandy Densen, Ethen Randolph and three brothers, Wallace, John and Robert Spper and two sisters, Betty Jo LaCost and Roberta Verden.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret B. "Peggy" Peters

"Peggy," as she liked to be called, was born July 13, 1916, and passed away on June 6, 1999, in Mountain Mesa. She suffered a stroke on Nov. 3, 1997. She had been a resident of the Kern Valley Nursing Home for the past two-and-a-half years. She was 82 years old. She was a fighter up to the end of her life.

She and Fred retired to Wofford Heights almost 10 years ago, moving from Las Vegas. They moved to the Kern Valley to be near their family.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 30 years, Fred Peters, of Wofford Heights; her daughter, Margaret Harmening, of Kernville; her son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy McGill, of Long Beach; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Harriet, of Florida; and many friends. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Memorial services will be held June 19 at 3 p.m. at the Rose Garden at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Wendy Davidson

A family memorial service will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park June 21 at 10 a.m. for Wendy Jill Davidson, 52, of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Davidson passed away June 11, 1999.

Mrs. Davidson was born in Oakland May 11, 1947 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Davidson of Lake Isabella; daughter Lauren Snow of Kernville; her father and his wife Paul and Emme Huber of Palo Alto; and brothers Lance Huber of Tucson, Ariz. and Jay Huber of Bellevue, Wash.

Leslie Chester Isaacs

Memorial services were held Friday June 11, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leslie Chester Isaacs. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Isaacs was born Oct. 16, 1914 in Bernie, Mo. and passed away on June 4, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. He built drilling rigs for many years and moved to Alaska and worked in the steel industry there until he moved to the Kern River Valley in 1956. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and golfing.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Cynthia Isaacs of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Tom Masters of Porterville; brother and sister-in-law Hurbert and Mable Isaacs of Bakersfield; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

Though gone from sight, to memory dear.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice or your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lloyd Espy High

Private arrangements were made for Lloyd Espy High who passed away on June 5, 1999 at his residence in Weldon after a long illness. Mr. High was born Sept. 7, 1911 in Galesburg, Ill., and served as a chief engineer with the Merchant Marines for 30 years, before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1971.

He was an avid golfer and he enjoyed traveling with his wife.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eva High; daughter and son-in-law Violet and Bob Cassey of Weldon; daughter Nancy Lee Yeomans of Montana and many grandchildren, ~~great-grandchildren and great-~~great-grandchildren; sisters Grace Howe, Esther Edmondson and Leona Tate.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Luci Anderton

In loving memory of Luci Anderton, born March 23, 1934 in Jamestown, Kan., died May 20, 1999 in Bakersfield of respiratory failure and cancer. Luci lived in the Havilah area for nine years, but they were very busy and full years.

She is missed by family; husband Larry; sons Steve, Rick and Mike; granddaughter Danielle; sisters Joann, Sharon of Kansas and Brother Jim of Missouri.

Also missed by her many friends of this valley who celebrated the life and music of Luci with a memorial service and musical tribute at Weldon United Methodist Church on June 4. The family thanks all who came and shared in this celebration.

Love and light to you Luci.

Clyde Wilburt Kelley

Clyde Wilburt Kelley was born on August 4, 1921 in Hot Springs, Ark. He was the youngest of nine children. He had three older brothers and five older sisters. Clyde grew up and worked on a farm. later he enlisted in and worked for the WPA (which was a program to put people to work during the Depression building roads and other general welfare projects). Clyde was assigned to work in Wyoming during the winter months. On Feb. 7, 1942 he met and married the love of his life, Virginia Ruth Wills. Then, during WWII, he served his country as a medic in the U.S. Army.

Together, through good times and hardships, they built a home in Lynwood, Calif., and raised two children. Clyde was always a hard worker. He was a heavy equipment operator until his retirement from the Robert E. McKee Construction Company in 1977. He was an active member of the union for 53 years.

The family then moved to Kernville and became active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society where he held a variety of offices including president. Clyde helped to organize the antique and collectable shows and, with his wife and two of her sisters, made three trips around the United States. Clyde and Virginia also traveled up to Alaska and over to Hawaii. Clyde passed away on June 11, 1999 in Lake Isabella at the age of 77.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia W. Kelley of Kernville; one sister, Daisy Curtis of Bodfish; one brother, Roy Kelley of Redlands; one daughter, Claudia and her husband, John Novasel of Kernville; one son, Clyde and his wife Susan Kelley of Bodfish; three grandchildren, Gregg Jelkin, April and Allyson Kelley; three great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangments made by Valley Mortuary. Services were held June 19, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel and interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Ronald Terry Thorne

Ronald Terry Thorne of Havilah, age 39, born June 17, 1959, passed away June 10, 1999. He is survived by his wife Nancy; mother Nicota; father Robert; and brothers Bob and Brian; sister Debbie and daughter Jamie.

Marilyn J. Emmons

Marilyn Emmons was born on November 7, 1933 and passed away on June 10, 1999 in her home in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Dale Emmons; two daughters, Sherrie Mazzarini Edwards, Donna and husband Edward Heitman; two sons, Barry Emmons and Kenneth Emmon; eleven grandchildren, Shannon, Brian and Staci Neely, David and Zachary Heitman, Robert Brennand, Erik and wife Heidi Brennand; Marc and wife Lori Mazzarini; Daniel Edwards, Tori and Katarina Emmons; one great-grandchild, Leanna Mazzarini; family members Gail Marquez, Sarah and Nicholas Lonero.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Bernice Lucille Hurty

Services were held at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella, June 19, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. for Bernice Hurty of Bodfish. Officiating were Pastors Louis Fabricius and James Lee.

Bernice Lucille Hurty was born October 12, 1913 at Luverne, Minn. and passed away on June 16, 1999 at the Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

During Bernice's life she was a homemaker, a clerk for the J.C. Penney Company and was employed by the school districts in Chatsworth and Reseda, Calif. During the past 24 years she was very active in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella where she served as treasurer, belonged to the Dorcas Society, and a special love of hers was chairing the Altar Guild. Bernice also enjoyed the fellowship and talent of other amateur organists.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents George and Clara Allen; two brothers, Roger and Oliver Allen; one sister, Elizabeth Allen and her first husband, Otto Hinz.

Bernice is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Earl Hurty of Bodfish; daughters Beverly Kapsch and her husband Leroy of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Charleen Van Sickle and her husband, Bob of Ft. Collins Colo.; one son, Charles Hinz and hs wife Patsy of Sun City, Calif.; step-daughters Earlene Martinez of Aromas, Calif. and Christine Casciola and her husband, Phil of Mercerville, N.J.; one sister, Marjorie Kendall and her husband, John of Shorewood, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; and neices, nephews and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to the Shepherd of the Hills Memorial Garden fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Belle Layhon

Graveside services were held Wednesday June 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Belle Layhon, who passed away on June 14, 1999 at her home in Southlake. Belle was born January 31, 1926 in Medina, Tex., and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982. She worked as a cook for the schools, both in Los Angeles and the Kernville School District for over 20 years. She enjoyed fishing, playing cards, and going to Las Vegas and Laughlin.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Alex Layhon of Southlake; son and daughter-in-law Jesse and Gloria Baker of Los Angeles; daughter Floran Williams of Lake Elsinore; two brothers, Carl Irby of Newport, Ore., and Donald and Carol Irby of Newport, Ore., and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to the Shepherd of the Hills Memorial Garden fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Louise Eva Markham

Funeral service were held June 29, 1999 at 12 p.m. at Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall for Louise Eva Markham. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mrs. Markham was born December 14, 1922 in Nacogdoches, Tex. She worked at St. Joseph Hospital for 27 years as a Nursing Coordinator, and has lived in the Kern River Valley for 21 years. She enjoyed cooking for all her family and was a member of the Good Sam Club.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ray Markham; her daughter and son-in-law Shirley Ann and Jack Whitbeck of Santa Clarita, two granddaughters, Pamela Sue and Lori Lee Whitbeck and great-grandson; Johnathen and Jack Hayes; also a sister and brother-in-law Opal and Ken Lee of Havasu City, Ariz., and brother David Goodman of Idaho.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Lawrence Oliver Thompson

Private arrangements were made for Lawrence Oliver Thompson who passed away on June 19, 1999 at his home in Lake Isabella. He was born March 16, 1933 in Medelia, Minn. He was a carpenter for more than 45 years. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years and enjoyed fishing here. My father is fishing in the sky above us with my sister and other friends. No one could ask for a better father than he was

Love always, Tami, Joey, Donald and Donnie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Beatrice Golleher

Beatrice Golleher went home to her Lord and Saviour on June 19,1999. Bea was born Dec. 10, 1924 in Texas. Bea married W.G. Golleher on June 14, 1940. She was preceded in death by a daughter Willeen Gardell.

Survivors are her husband, W.G. Golleher; daughter, Creta Ostashay of Arizona; son, Joel Randy and wife of Nevada; grandsons, Edward Ostashay III of San Dimas and Greg Ostashay of Ft. Bragg, Calif.; granddaughter Kathleen Golleher of Minden, Nev.; three greatgrandchildren and many loved friends. Bea loved her family and friends, and held a love for the Lord. An accomplished artist, her paintings captured her zest for life. Bea will be greatly missed by all who knew her. No services will held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice.

Yunis Barakat (John) Omari, Jr.

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John was born Sept. 22, 1965 and died June 19, 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Mia; mother, children, stepchildren, half-sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins - here and abroad.

John was a writer. His new novel will be out this fall.

George Arthur Dickinson

George Arthur Dickinson, long-time resident of Wofford Heights, died June 22, 1999 after an eight-month illness. he was born on March 16th, 1923.

He is survived by his daughter Terry Lynn Lord of Torrance; grandson Dakota Lord; daughter Kathy Dickinson of Wofford Heights; grandson William Record; great-granddaughter Samantha Catlyn; and companion of ten years Frances Townsend living in Weldon.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances Dickinson in 1988, his father Jesse Butcher in 1989 and his mother in 1974; step-mother Marie Butcher in 1990. His step-father James Dickinson died in 1976. A younger brother, Arthur, died in infancy in 1928.

George was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack and spent five years in the South Pacific serving in the U.S. Army. He retired from his civil service job in San Diego after 30 years of employment. He and his wife moved to Wofford Heights in 1974. George was a member of the local VFW and Moose. he worked several years for the Kern County Sheriff's Department patroling the areas around Weldon and Onyx. He enjoyed motorcycles, his sports car, going out to eat at the Moose and time with his companion, Frances.

Visitation was on Saturday June 26, 1999 at Valley Mortuary and interment was with his wife at the cemetery in Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers to the family please make a donation to the local Heart Assocation in his name.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

OBITUARIES

Lottie Estell Perkins

Funeral service were held on June 30, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lottie Estell Perkins. Officiating was Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ. Lottie was born June 15, 1906 in Dekalb, Tex. and passed away on June 26, 1999 in Mountain mesa. She was 93 years old. She has been a resident of the Valley for 13 years and a member of the Eagles and the Moose. She enjoyed fishing around the lake.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William and Ramadena Fussell of Marietta, Okla., and her grandson Terry Haney of Lake Isabella and sister Exie Fricks of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Brenda Reyes

Funeral services were held on June 18, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Brenda P. Reyes.

Brenda was born Sept. 8, 1954 in Memphis, Tenn., and went to be with the Lord on June 12, 1999 after a long illness with cancer.

Brenda came to Calif. in 1957 with her parents and sister. Brenda moved to Lake Isabella in 1981 to be closer to her mother,.

She is survived by her husband Javier; son Adam Reyes and daughter Heidi Dunn from Colo.; Mother and step father Bernice and sister Kinda Hunt of Tex.; and two step sisters, Bunny and Robin of Bakersfield; step brothers Lee, Mark, Bill and Jim; and step mother Martha Adams of Memphis Tenn.

Brenda, you will always be in our heart.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Henry Yurk

Private funeral arrangements were made for Henry Yurk who passed away on July 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Yurk was born December 22, 1912 in Sugar city, Color. He worked for Warren Automotive for 45 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1969. He cam to the valley as a part-time resident and in 1978 moved here from Maywood, Calif. He was a member of the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Virginia in January 1997.

He is survived by Betty Igo, Larry McCurtain and a sister, Helen Terry of Colo.; two brothers, Roland YHork of Ore., and Loyd York of Colo.; sister-in-law, Winford Vento of Ore.; and nephew and neice Billie and Kara York; also a great friend Ted Mathar and of course his Poodle, Amy.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kern Valley High School Varsity Baseball Scholarship.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ronald Frank Flicker Sr.

Funeral arrangements were made for Ronald Frank Flicker, Sr. who passed away on Thursday, July 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Flicker was born April 8, 1929 in Pierz, Minn. He retired from the City of Glendale and moved here to the Kern River Valley five years ago. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and fixing things. He was always helping other people.

Funeral services will be held at Simonet Funeral Home in Stillwater, Minn. and burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery in Pierz, Minn. A memorial mass will be held on July 9, 1999 at 5 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Ronald is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Debra Flicker of Long Beach; daughters, Diana and Anthony Trahan, Donna Rosewicz, Denise and Bob Gunderson and Debbie and Joe Peltier; 13 grandchildren; long time companion, Stella Delgado, and his sister Laura Grundhofer.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lyle Harrison Hunter

Lyle Harrison Hunter, age 79, of Miles City, Mont., passed away on Saturday, July 3, 1999 at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Lyle was born on May 22, 1920, in Los Angeles; the son of Stanley James and Margarite (Stasake) Hunter. He attended school in California and Oregon until he joined the U.S. Army in 1941, and served until his honorable discharge in 1945. Lyle returned to California and went to work for the Richfield Oil Company, which later became Atlantic Richfield.

On July 28, 1946, Lyle and Jean Traynor were united in marriage in Long Beach. Lyle retired in 1980 after 33 years of service for the Atlantic Richfield Company. After his retirement, Lyle and Jean traveled for several years, residing in Kernville and Bakersfield until making Miles City, Mont. their home. Lyle loved hunting, fishing and working in his garden.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Jean, of Miles City, Mont.; two sons Jim Hunter, also of Miles City, and Glenn Hunter, of Bakersfield; daughter, Eileen Sheets, of Byers, Colo., brother, Gordon Hunter, of Carson City, Nev.; sister, Alice Upshaw, of Oregon; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 9, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City with Pastor Jim Sheets officiating. Interment followed in the Veterans Section in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association, or to a charity of their choice.

Jose Sanchez Ocampo

Jose Sanchez Ocampo passed away in his Woodland, CA, residence Friday night. Mr. Ocampo was born March 15, 1926 in Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico, and was 73 years of age. He was a resident of Woodland for the last 47 years and had retired as a laborer from Teichert Construction Co. where he worked for 26 years. He was a member of Local #185 of the Labors Union.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Ocampo, of Woodland; son Juan Jose Ocampo and his wife Susana of Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico; son Jose Jamime Ocampo and his wife Carrie of Woodland; son Cesar Daniel Ocampo of Kernville; daughters Claudia Annette Ocampo and Cristela Ocampo, Both of Woodland. Grandchildren include Jose Jamie Ocampo G., Juan Jose Ocampo G., Jose Alfonso Ocampo G., Susana Cristela Ocampo G., and Hector Daniel Ocampo G., all for Santa Cruz Jalisco, Mexico and one great-grandchild, Maria de Los Angles Ocampo, also of Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico.

A rosary was said at McNary's Chapel in Woodland on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and mass was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Cemetery Mausoleum in Woodland. Entombment will be in St. Joseph's Mausoleum.

McNary's Chapel is assisting the family.

Brenda Reyes

Funeral services were held on June 18, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Brenda P. Reyes.

Brenda was born Sept. 8, 1954 in Memphis, Tenn., and went to be with the Lord on June 12, 1999 after a long illness with cancer.

Brenda came to California in 1957 with her parents and sister. Brenda moved to Lake Isabella in 1981 to be closer to her mother.

She is survived by her husband Javier; son Adam Reyes and daughter Heidi Dunn from Colo.; mother and stepfather Bernice and Jaye B. Smith of Wofford Heights; sister Linda Hunt of Tex.; and two stepsisters, Bunny and Robin of Bakersfield; stepbrothers Lee, Mark, Bill and Jim; and stepmother Martha Adams of Memphis, Tenn.

Brenda, you will always be in our heart.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Nedra A. Koplin

Private arrangements were made for Nedra A. Koplin who passed away on July 4, 1999 in Los Angeles after a long illness. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 22 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Dolores Koplin of Lake Isabella and Violet Padilla of Riverside; nephews Kenneth Williams of Japan and Merle Williams of LaCresenta, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Clara Mae Cox

Funeral services were held July 19, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Clara Mae Cox. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Clara has lived in the Kern Valley for the past 20 years. She enjoyed refinishing furniture and antiques and making dolls and teddy bears.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Denise Largent of Lake Isabella and two grandsons, Thomas Greg and Christopher Largent.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Peggy Ann Luker

Funeral services were held July 15, 1999 at 9 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Peggy Ann Luker. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Peggy had been a resident of the Kern Valley for 27 years. She and her husband opened Bob's Tire Center when they moved here and had that business for around 10 years. She also worked at the Dam Korner for many years before she became ill. She enjoyed bowling, drawing and most of all coloring and playing with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter Leigh Ann Luker in 1975.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 41 years, Bill Luker of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Virginia Luker of Weldon; son, Michael Luker; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Wayne Trusty of Lake Isabella; and daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and David Adams of Wofford Heights; brother Lavelle Harrington of Arizona; sisters Ima Jean Elam of Texas; Nettie Mae Brown of Kansas and Carolyn Louies Jacks of Mississippi; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley

Nils B. Oberg

A memorial service was held July 17, 1999 at Kernville United Methodist Church for Nils B. Oberg. The service was officiated by Pastor John Carpenter, with Pastor Chuck White and Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Nils Oberg was born in Gunnarn, Sweden on October 24, 1924 and went home to be with the Lord on July 12, 1999. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1928. His life centered around his family, church and work. Nils was married to his wife June for fifty-two years and raised two children, Bryan and Alice. During those years the family always had a lot of property and boats, so that Nils could enjoy his two favorite hobbies of horseback riding and fishing.

These hobbies filled the many leisure hours for Niles and his family after work and on weekends. Nils worked for Oberg Construction Corporation his entire working life. The business was originally started by his father and uncle. In later years Nils became president of the company and continued in that position until the business was sold in 1984.

Nils and his wife June moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985. They began a construction business called Grebo Corporation and the needlework shop called Creative Hands with their children. It was during these years that horses were not a part of his life. However, there was more fishing.

Nils was a very caring man who had a strong and deep Christian faith. God gave Nils a beautiful tenor voice, which he used in service to his Lord. Through the years it gave much pleasure to all who heard him sing because his voice and face reflected his deep faith in his Savior. His family and friends will miss him.

Nils was preceded in death by his son, Bryan Oberg; his brother Alf Oberg; his sister Iris Dunlap Behymer; and his parents Seth and Edla Oberg.

Nils is survived by his wife June of Wofford Heights; his daughter Rev. Alice Oberg of Greenville, Calif.; daughter-in-law Karen Oberg of Wofford Heights; granddaughter Kim Kleidosty of Wofford Heights; grandson Kirk Oberg and wife Kim of Bakersfield; great-grandchildren Joshua and Joey Kleidosty of Wofford Heights; Bryan, Kenneth and Rebecca Oberg of Bakersfield. He is also survived by his sisters Aina Thomas of Gardnerville, Nev. and Mary Louise Brown and husband Neale of Camarillo; his brother Carl Oberg and wife Marlene of Chatsworth; as well as many neices, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sara Curtis Peet

Sara Curtis Peet was born in Kentucky on November 29, 1917 to Geniveve and Edward Kyser. The family moved to North Carolina where Sara spent her early childhood. The family later moved to L.A. where Sara graduated from Los Angeles High in 1934.

Sara married Jerry Cooper in 1938. Three daughters were born to this union. In 1952 Sara married Audie Peet. They had one daughter. Sara and Audie lived and worked in L.A. area but often spent time in Kern Valley. In 1964 they purchased a home in Wofford Heights and became week-enders. After Audie's death in 1976, Sara retired from her job with L.A. School District and became a permanent resident of Wofford Heights.

Sara will be remembered by her many friends as a warm, caring and generous person who was always willing to help anyone in need. Sara liked to play Bunco and Bingo but in later years her enjoyment was sitting on her porch, enjoying the lake view and visiting with her friends. She loved the history of the Kern Valley and enjoyed talking with friends about it. Sara was staying with her daughter in San Antonio when she went home to be with her Lord on July 4, 1999.

Sara is survived by her daughters Carol Sanborn of Torrance, Kay Cooper Cross of Wofford Heights, Virginia Pitts of Wash. son-in-law Jerry Pitts of Okla.; Johanna and Edward Scott of San Antonio, Texas.; grandsons, Brandon and Curtis Pitts of Washington, Chris Parks of Nevada, granddaughters, Roxanne Parks of Nevada; and Chrystaline Scott of San Antonio; great grandchildren Gilcrest Pitts, Jennifer Parks and Edward Scott.

Memorial services were held July 6, 1999 in San Antonio. Burial was in Green Hills Cemetery in San Pedro, Calif.

Erlene Dorothy Sandifer

A memorial service was officiated by Pastor Dave Snow on July 2, 1999 at the First Baptist Church for Erlene Dorothy Sandifer was born August 5, 1930 in Lompoc, Calif. Her death came on June 25, 1999 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Sam Douglas Sandifer of Wofford Heights; their sons, Steven Douglas Sandifer and wife Marcia, Rodney Kemp Sandifer, Michael Glenn Sandifer and wife Martha; seven grandchildren and her brother Vern.

Erlene was a licensed vocational nurse. She worked until her retirement at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard where she cared for aged and terminally ill patients. In 1980 she became active in the T.O.P.S., also in knitting and ceramics groups. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Oxnard, for many years.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hazel S. Mason

Hazel Mason passed away at age 90 on July 20, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital. Hazel was a resident of Whittier for 60 years.

She is survived by her daughter Patty Archer of Lake Isabella; son Gordon Mason of Eugene, Ore.; grandsons, Johnnie Michael Mulvaney of Southlake, Kevin Archer of Long Beach, eight other grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, two brothers of Terre Haute, Ind., Roger Sanders age 96 and Paul Sanders.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband Edgar (1969), sons Donal (1977), Edgar Jr. (1996), grandsons Timothy Patric Archer age 50, (1999).

Interment at Rose Hills Whittier.

We will miss you, Mum.

Virginia Ann Helen Williams

A memorial service was held July 23, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Virginia Ann Helen Williams. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson.

Mrs. Williams was born May 25, 1921 in Bellingham, Wash., and passed away at her home in Bodfish on July 20, 1999. She had been a resident of the Kern Valley for ten years. She was preceded in death by her son Ward Williams II in 1993. She is survived by her husband of 59 years; Ward Williams of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Connie Williams of Valencia; daughter Virginia Maier of Riverside; sister Marion Katona of Michigan; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Janet Laird Hewitt

A memorial service is pending for Janet Laird Hewitt who passed away on July 22, 1999 in Mt. Mesa after a long illness. Janet was born Oct. 17, 1907 in Coalita, Scotland on the island of Islay. She was 91 years old. Janet was a war bride. She married Jess Hewitt and came to the U.S.A. on a ship from Australia. They lived at Black Gulch in Keyesville until he passed away at an early age.

Janet stayed in the valley and worked for Dr. Pergine and then was the bookkeeper for Blue Flame until she retired.

She leaves behind her special family, Jess Motgomary, Sandy Chase, and Jamy Smith and Sue Mulligan. Also, her niece Barbara MacMillan from Australia and a few other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Cynthia Ann Rothert

Cynthia Ann Rothert passed away at age 51 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield on July 21, 1999. Burial was at the Kern Valley Cemetery and was officiated by John Carpenter. Cynthia was born Nov. 1, 1947 in Berkeley to Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville. She was employed by the Social Services Department in Bakersfield.

She loved the Kern River Valley, her horses and all her friends she's made up here.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville; brother Doug Rothert of Kernville and sister Debbie Link of Valencia.

William J. Reed

Bill Reed was born on January 1, 1924 and passed away at home on June 25, 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, June; his sister and brother-in-law Lois and Jack Weaver of Encino, four nephews and numerous other family members.

The Reeds moved to the Kern River Valley in 1983 from Burbank. He was an active member of the Men's Club at the Kern Valley Golf Course.

A private family memorial is pending.

Cynthia Ann Rothert Gruning

Services will be held August 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church, corner of Big Blue and Sirretta, for Cynthia Ann Rothert Gruning. Cynthia Ann passed away at age 51 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield on July 21, 1999. Cynthia was born Nov. 1, 1947 in Berkeley to Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville. She was employed by the Department of Human Services in Bakersfield.

She loved the Kern River Valley, her horses and all her friends she's made up here.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville; brother Doug Rothert of Kernville and sister Debbie Link of Valencia.

Royce Elmer Smith

Graveside services were held on July 29, 1999 at 10 a.m. for Royce Elmer Smith at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Dennis Hinkey of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Royce was born in Littlefield, Texas on Dec. 30, 1937 and passed away in Mountain Mesa, on July 24, 1999. He was 61 years old. He was a resident of the Kern Valley from 1953 and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1956 where he met and married his childhood sweetheart, Joan, in 1959. He was involved in many businesses in the Kern Valley, including general contracting. He was well known for his quick wit and positive attitude and enthusiasm for life. His grandchildren were very special to him as were all his family and friends. He was very generous and supportive of the Kern Valley FFA and numerous other youth organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joan Smith of Lake Isabella; his mother, Effie Smith of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Roger McCoy of Bakersfield; daughter Dana and son-in-law Fritz Goss of Bodfish; four grandchildren, Cara, Ryan, Alyssa McCoy and Amanda Goss; sister Sue Hinkey of Lake Isabella; brothers Randy Smith of Lake Isabella and Gary Smith of Redding; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Johnson, Bo Williams, Joe Leonardi, Ed Wimmer, Chris Moore, Stanley Carver, Ken Thorn, Gino Baker, Richard Rooney and Nick Silicz.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Zeff Melchiori

Memorial services were held July 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bob Melchiori. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Melchiori was born Sept. 22, 1925 in Santa Monica and passed away on July 25, 1999 at his home in Lake Isabella after a long illness. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 10 years ago after retiring from the construction business in Canoga Park.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating. He was a member of the Bodfish Beamers and the Moose Lodge.

Bob is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rita Melchiori of Lake Isabella; daughter Susan Ralph of Simi Valley; two granddaughters, Denise Rupel of Arizona and Sara Melchiori of Santa Barbara; and two grandsons, Gary McDonald of San Diego and Shawn McDonald of Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Optimal Hospice Care.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

OBITUARIES

Ethel Gertrude Brierley Bell

Born June 14, 1922 in Alhambra, Ethel Bell entered into rest Aug. 9, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital after a brief illness.

She proudly served her country in WWII as a member of the Coast Guard. A licensed pilot, she flew with the 99's, and participated in the Powder Puff Derby. She graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in education and spent many years teaching children with cerebral palsy.

A long-time resident of Riverkern, Ethel is survived by her husband, Clay Bell; son Jeffrey Dotson of Salinas; daughter and son-in-law Robin and Lee Boyer of Kernville; granddaughters Robin and Rosie Dotson of Ojai; grandsons Jeffrey Shell of North Highlands and Bradley Boyer of Kernville; sisters Mary J. Price of El Sobrante and Martha Jane Ives of Glendora; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ethel was active in the Kern Valley Historical Society, The Clan Diggers Genealogical Society and the LDS Church choir for many years. She also served as secretary of the Riverkern Water Company. In recent years she greatly enjoyed the time she spent at the Alzheimer's Respite Center in Lake Isabella where her wonderful soprano voice filled hall.

Visitation will be at Valley Mortuary on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mountain Mesa. Graveside services will be immediately following at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

A reunion for the family will be held at Robin's River Restaurant following interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Respite Center in Lake Isabella, care of the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County.

We will miss your bright smile, mama. We love you— the family of Ethel Bell.

Corinne Marie Stewart

Funeral services for Corinne Marie Stewart, 75, of Ord, Neb., were held July 17, 1999 in Ord. Mrs. Steward died July 15 at her home in Ord.

Mrs. Stewart was born Oct. 14, 1923 to Wilford and Lenora (Schefsky) Haimes in Burwell, Neb. She was raised in Burwell and graduated from Burwell High School. On Dec. 11, 1941 she married Wayne Ellsworth Stewart at Grand Island. The couple farmed in Ord after their marriage. In 1948 they moved to Los Angeles and then returned to Ord to farm in 1950. In 1953 they moved back to California. After Mr. Stewart retired, they moved to Kernville where they lived for 22 years. In 1992 they returned to Ord where she lived until her death.

She was active as a Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout leader and in baseball auxiliary. While in California, she belonged to the Westchester Methodist Church. She enjoyed baseball and was a fan of the Cubs, Braves and Dodgers. She played Yahtzee, crossword puzzles, and "find the words" puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Stewart of Ord; two sons, Phillip E. Stewart of Billings, Mont. and Paul W. Stewart of Lake Oswego, Ore.; one daughter, Peggy M. Souther of Thousand Oaks; one sister, Helen McQuay of Alpine, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Bernard and Harold Haines.

Mrs. Stewart was buried in the Ord City Cemetery. Ord Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were Patrick Haines, Michael Haines, Curtis Reeder, Ronald Reeder, Wayne Reeder and Jerald Haines. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Orr, Al Dearmont, Bus Malicky, Bruce Hurlbert, Pat Marsh, Joanie Hansen and Friends of the TOPS Club.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy Laura Bredal

Private services were held Aug. 11, 1999 at Rose Hills Memorial Park for Dorothy Laura Bredal, who passed away on Aug. 8, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Dorothy was born Jan. 25, 1924 in Chicago and was a resident of the Kern Valley for 21 years. She enjoyed cooking, playing the piano and gardening, especially in her rose garden. She found comfort in God's work, and treasured her many friends.

She is survived by her husband Robert of 53 years; sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Vern Dameier of Idaho; daughter and son-in-law Pamela and John Lincoln of Lake Forest; and grandson Andrew Lincoln of Lake Forest. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Cynthia Marie Vradenburg Murphy

Cynthia Marie Vradenburg Murphy, 46, died Aug. 5, 1999 at her residence in Gardnerville, Nev.

A native of Glendale, she was born Oct. 31, 1952 to Jerry and Arlene Lillio Vradenburg and lived in Gardnerville for the past 17 years, coming from Southern California.

Mrs. Murphy was a program assistant for the state of Nevada and a member of the Catholic Church. She worked for three years for the U.S. Forest Service in Kernville and Greenhorn.

Surviving are her parents, of Kernville; son Christopher; daughter Amy Murphy, both of Carson City; brothers Jerry Vradenburg of Washoe Valley, Nev. and Michael Vradenburg of Lake Isabella; and sister Sara Cargal of Lake Isabella.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 10 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Carson City, with burial at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden, Nev.

OBITUARIES

Wesley Lee Blyleven

Wesley Lee Blyleven, 68, died Aug. 15, 1999 at his home. A native of California, he was born Sept. 29, 1930 in Lennox, Calif., to Cornelius and Jessie Blyleven.

He lived in Bodfish for the past six years, coming from Torrance, where he raised his family. The Kern River holds special memories for Wes' family, as they spent many years camping, swimming and fishing with family and friends.

Wes played an active role in our community volunteering his time at the Kern River Fish Hatchery, Kids' Fishing Derby and maintaining the rose garden at the Highland Chapel Methodist Church. Wes loved fishing on the river and gardening.

Wes was retired from the City of Torrance, where he was a tree supervisor for 34 years. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the Army from 1951-1953.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Ida Blyleven; sons Mike and Jerry of Torrance; daughter Judy Hansen of Carson City; brothers Neil and Ron; five grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews and cousins.

He will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Long Beach, close to his parents.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Marvin W. Powers

Marvin W. Powers, of a pioneer Kern Valley family, died Thursday. He was 76.

Marvin Powers was born Oct. 27, 1922, and grew up in Weldon. He served in WWII, earning the American Campaign medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a member of the VFW.

Marvin worked on the dam that formed Isabella Lake. He worked at South Fork School for 29 years and was a local leader of 4-H for 20 years. He taught hunter safety for 22 years.

Marvin was a cowboy at heart and was courageous through everything. He was a member of the Weldon United Methodist Church all of his life. He was a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a friend to everyone.

Marvin was the brother of Bob Powers, local historian who writes the "Kern Valley History" column for the *Kern Valley Sun*.

Church services were held at the United Methodist Church and were officiated by Reverend Dr. Charles White, and visitations were held at Hillcrest Mortuary in Bakersfield.

Donations can be made to the Weldon United Methodist Church or to the Cancer Society.

Vernon Louis Miller

Vernon Louis Miller was born July 20, 1924 in Wellfleet, Neb., to Louis E. Miller and Katharine Thompsen Miller. The family moved to Los Angeles when Vern was 10 years old.

Vern attended George Washington High School in Los Angeles until joining the U.S. Navy Dec. 30, 1942. Vernon was a Boatswain's Mate Second Class and assigned to the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 21 with the USS Shikellamy. He was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1946 and returned to work with his father in the family business known as Miller's Foods in southwest Los Angeles.

Vern moved to the Kern Valley in March 1971, where he resided until his death on Aug. 23, 1999. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and lovingly remembered for his friendly outgoing nature, his love for fishing, coaching his daughter's Little League softball team and then, later, a women's softball team. He enjoyed playing pool and table tennis.

Vern, aka "Dad," "Papa," "Grandpa" and "Apple," is survived by his son Larry V. Miller of Redondo Beach; daughter Linda E. Radie of Torrance; daughter and son-in-law Wendy K. and Terry Mullen of Victorville; grandchildren Jeffrey Miller, Angela Duran, Stephanie Miller, Jennifer Radie, Tyler and Heather Mullen, and great-grandchildren Vincent, Autumn and Madison Miller and Cheyenne Duran.

Graveside services were held in Inglewood Park Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his parents.

Helen Ruth Hammond

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30, 1999 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Helen R. Hammond, who passed away Aug. 25 in Mountain Mesa.

Helen was born July 16, 1916 in Connecticut. She worked in the aerospace industry and moved to the Kern Valley after retiring 21 years ago. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude's and the TOPS Club for 20 years. She enjoyed fishing and camping.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and is survived by son Jim Hammond of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law David and Rosa Hammond of Bakersfield; son and daughter-in-law Bob and Virginia Hammond of Las Vegas; son and daughter-in-law Richard and Carol Hammond of Los Angeles; grandchildren Tim, Richard, Traylin, Daniel, Amber and Rich; great-grandchildren David, Shara, Taylor, Justin and Austin.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Patsy Jean Lomax

Patsy Jean Lomax was born May 28, 1928 and passed away Aug. 26, 1999.

She was from Newhall; she had a dream to live in Kernville, which she did for several years . Patsy passed away after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband Joe R. Lomax; son James Arnold of Klackmass, Ore.; son Joe W. Lomax of Nevada; daughter Patsy Jo Lomax; daughter Polly Jean Lomax of Newhall; daughter Sally Jane Lomax of Weldon; 13 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.

Ruth Childers

Graveside services were held on Aug. 27, 1999 for Ruth Childers, who passed away at her home on Aug. 23. Ruth was a member of Eastern Star for 50 years, Daughters of the Nile, Homitau Chapter of Order of the Golden Slipper, Kern Valley Women of the Moose, and the Pink Ladies Auxiliary for five years. She also was a school volunteer, until her health started to fail.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, in 1998. Ruth is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kenneth and Linda Kabler of Ventura; grandchildren Katherine and Brandon Eifrid and Kimberly Kabler, all of Ventura; great-granddaughter Sarah Eifrid, also of Ventura; and brother Robert Redfern of Carson City.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Diane Jean Perone

Diane Jean Perone, 48, died Aug. 13, 1999 at her home in Wofford Heights.

She was born in Glen Cove, N.Y. on Oct. 5, 1950 to Dominick and Helen Perone, and lived in the Kern Valley for the past 18 years.

She is survived by her brother, Nick Perone of Minnesota; brother Dominick Perone of New York; and the VanderLinden family, and so many more very close friends.

Services for Diane will be held on Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Weldon Ranch in Kelso Valley, with a celebration of her life to follow.

We love you and miss you, Unc. Di, and we always will.

Jacqueline Anita King

Private arrangements were made for Jacqueline Anita King, who passed away Aug. 21, 1999 at her residence in Squirrel Valley, where she and her husband resided for 25 years.

She was born April 1, 1924, in the small town of Clarendon Hills, Ill.

She was past president of Grandmothers Club No. 94, in which she was very actively involved. In past years, she was also involved in the Moose Lodge, Woman's Club, Sidewalk CBers (known as "Little Jake"), and a bowling league.

Jacqueline is survived by her husband of 53 years, Fred King; her mother, Margaret Mestyanek of Squirrel Valley; daughter Gail Kern of Carson City; son Glenn King of Squamish, Wash.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a very special lady, mother and grandmother, and will be dearly missed by her family and many, many friends.

Raymond John Schofield

Raymond John Schofield of Florence, Ore., died Aug. 23, 1999 at age 88. He was born June 1, 1911 in Chicago. In 1935 in Palos Park, Ill., he married his wife, Theresa M. Schofield, who survives him.

He worked for Carnegie Steel Company in Chicago; International Harvester, also in Chicago, as an instrumentation engineer; Western Michigan State College in Kalamazoo, Mich., and American Potash and Chemical Co./Kerr McGee in Trona.

He lived in Oregon for five years, coming from Weldon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Nadeen Letha Roake and Donna Rae Schofield Moos, and son Keith Raymond Schofield.

Disposition was by cremation.

Contributions can be made in his name to Peace Harbor Hospice.

Burns's Riverside Chapel in Florence, Ore., was in charge of arrangements.

Walter H. Wobermin

Walter Henry Wobermin of Lake Isabella passed away on July 17, 1999 in San Diego of complications from a stroke. Walt was born on Aug. 1, 1917 in Brush, Colo. He was raised in Savage, Mont. in a log house that his pioneer father built on the banks of the Yellowstone River. His father taught him how to be a mechanic at a young age. Walt was very gifted at building anything he wanted. An accomplished artist, he enjoyed oil painting with other local Isabella artists. He was always willing to give a helping hand to his friends, and baked bread for his friends and neighbors regularly.

Walt retired from Lockheed and moved to Lake Isabella in 1970, with his wife, Peggy. They resided here for 29 years. They were married 49 years when she preceded him in death a year ago.

Walt is survived by daughter Joyce Olsen of San Diego; brother George Wobermin of Vancouver; sister Ruth Lang of Portland, Ore; four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren, all of Southern California.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

OBITUARIES

Katie Ann Croft

Funeral services will be held Sept. 8, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church for Katie Ann Croft. Interment will follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Croft was born Dec. 6, 1911 in Pinewood, S.C. and passed away on Sept. 2, 1999, in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years. She was a member of TOPS and the Kern VAlley Art Association and enjoyed playing bingo at the VFW.

She is survived by her stepson and his wife, Thomas and MaryAnn Croft of Las Vegas; brother Richard Furman Jenkinson of Pinewood, S.C.; sisters Marjorie Kneece of Chapin, S.C., Dorothy O'Cain of Lexington, S.C and Lois Warner of St. George, S.C.; and 15 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard D. Croft; sister Mary Anderson of Conway, S.C.; and brother Marvin Jenkinson Jr. of Pinewood, S.C.

She had the most loving and loyal friends, including Loretta McKenney, Shirley Keeling and many others.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

OBITUARIES

Diane Rosalie MacKenzie

Graveside services were held Sept. 13, 1999 at Pierce Brothers-Vahalla in North Hollywood for Diane MacKenzie, who passed away on Sept. 6, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Diane was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in Los Angeles. She was a fifth-generation Californian, whose family came from Spain. She was also the great-great-granddaughter of the first Spanish governor of California.

Diane resided in the Kern River Valley for the past 12 years, and enjoyed painting, writing, genealogy, and designing clothes.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jennifer, and her brother Robert. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Robert; brother James Sanders; daughter and son-in-law Victoria and Frank Chavez of La Crescenta; daughter Katherine Tyson of Bakersfield; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Genevieve Young

A graveside service was held Sept. 8, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Genevieve Young, formerly of the Kern River Valley. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

Genevieve was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Thompson, Pa., and died Sept. 1, 1999, in Scottsbluff, Neb. She was 76 years old.

Genevieve was a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley. She was a member of the Historical Society and a great collector of antiques. Her passion was hunting for old bottles and arrowheads. She operated her own antique store in Nebraska.

Genevieve is survived by son Jim Young of Lake Isabella; son Bill W. Young of Boise, Idaho; sister Lillian Miller of Mountain Mesa; sister Virginia Riviera of Escondido; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1978.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Alice Dorothy Carlsen Clark Elfstrom

Alice Elfstrom was born on Dec. 5, 1905 in Boston and died on Sept. 10, 1999 in Sun City, Ariz. She moved with her family at the age of 3 to Sweden. When she was 18 she moved to Brooklyn, where she soon entered nursing school. Alice practiced as a public health nurse in New York until she retired.

She married F. Scott Clark in 1941 and lived on Albion, N.Y. Together they raised a wonderful, caring daughter, Janice. Scott passed away in 1959. Alice spent the next several years working as a nurse, caring for and educating their daughter.

In 1974 Alice met Ernest Elfstrom, fell in love and married him on July 28, 1974. Ernest was a widower and has three sons: Eugene and Warren of Seattle, and Robert from Yarnell, Ariz. Suddenly her family had grown by leaps and bounds. She is survived by 14 grandchildren, including: Adam and Wesley Rose of Carlsbad; Alita Elfstrom and John Beam, Jeff and Lana Elfstrom, Keith and Carey Elfstrom, all of Lake Isabella; Corey and Rick Kasinger of Frazier Park; and Tim Elfstrom of Phoenix. She also had 30 great-grandchildren.

Alice and Ernest led very active lives, being involved in the Masons, VASA, Elks and the Methodist Church. They traveled as often as possible, including trips to Sweden, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Seattle and California to visit friends and family, including all of those children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Activities at the Sun Valley Lodge, where they had lived for the last nine years, included the recent celebration of their 25th wedding annivesary.

Alice loved the water, the outdoors, Arizona and her extended family. She was known for her loving and caring ways and for her kindness to all those around her. She lived her life to the fullest for those 93-plus years and will live on in our hearts forever and ever.

Raymond B. Litz

Memorial services for Ray Litz, who passed away on Sept. 14, will be held Sept. 25, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Weldon United Methodist Church, 20021 Hwy. 178. The Reverend Charles R. White will officiate.

Ray was born (in 1934) and raised in Pasadena and moved to the Kern Valley in 1989. After serving in the U.S. Army, he developed Competition Engineering, an automotive machine shop in Altadena, specializing in Porsche, VW and Corvair work. This business is well known to Porsche owners around the world. Ray's knowledgeable and caring advice and honest work are well respected by many car enthusiasts.

Ray was a member of the Kern River Valley Historical Society, National Exchange Club, Porsche Club of America, and the 365 Registry. He enjoyed camping, traveling and restoring antique cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Ann; daughter Valerie Kim Litz; son Randy Litz; son John Fitzpatrick; sister Bette Leadman; sister Grace Hazen; sister Edith Watson; brother Irving McCallum; and their families. He was loved by all who knew them.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Robert Gregory Atherley

A memorial service was held for Robert Atherley at the Lake Isabella Methodist Church on Sept. 18, 1999. Officiating was Pastor Chuck White.

Robert was a resident of the valley for 21 years. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends, swimming, and diving off rocks at the river. Unfortunately, a misjudgement of water depth proved fatal. Robert dived his last dive.

His death has been a devastating loss to all who knew him. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his three children, Ashley, Aaron and Austin; mother Toddy (and Terry Brown and family); brother Nathan McCoy of Iowa; father Greg Atherley of Beaumont, Texas; (his beloved Ma and Papa) Betty Hershey of Lake Isabella and Gary Hershey of Beaumont; great-grandmother Hope Vincent of Lake Isabella; uncles Rod Hershey of Bakersfield and Mark, Randy and Jeff Atherley of Beaumont; aunts Heather and Lacie Hershey of Lake Isabella, and Tricia (and Bud, Ronnie, Donnie and Kenneth Haigler of Weldon) and Cindy and Heather of Beaumont; great-aunt and uncle Donna and Tony George of Bodfish; and finally Bobby McCloskey, Robert's oldest and closest friend since second grade; Larry Hayes, Kirk Allison, Doyle Wilson, Russell Koop, Kelly Holcomb, Doreena McCartney and many extended family members and friends.

Eva LaVon Johnson

A funeral service was held Sept. 16, 1999 at the Lakeside Chapel in Westminster Memorial Park for Eva LaVon Johnson, with interment following. Officiating was Father Darryl Lee.

Eva was born Jan. 7, 1917 in Henryetta, Okla., and died Sept. 13, 1999 in the Skilled Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa. She was 86 years old. Eva was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 7665 Eagles Auxiliary Aerie No. 3156.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Donald, of Mountain Mesa, son Don and his wife Dana Cupp of Whittier; son Gary and his wife Josie Chastain of Arizona; son Roy and his wife Linda Chastian of Arizona; son Monty and his wife Bonnie of Lake Isabella; son Eddie Chastain and his wife Joann of Long Beach; 26 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

John "Jack" Edward Addis

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Mountain Mesa; officiating will be the officers of the Eagles Lodge with the VFW present.

John, who was known by many as Jack, was born in Pennyslvania on Oct. 31, 1940 and died in Weldon on Sept. 15, 1999.

Jack served in the Marine Corps from 1958 to 1961. He worked in the aerospace industry for 30 years.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Audrey, of Weldon; mother and step-father Mable and Frank Yelinek of Ohio; sister Kathy Currier and her husband Darcy of Ohio; brother Frank W. Yelinek Jr. and his wife Linda of Ohio; son Johnny Addis and his wife Laurie of Maryland; son Sean Addis and his wife Linda of Pennsylvania; son Daniel Addis; stepson Johnny Ridge and his wife Dotty of Dayton, Nev.; stepson Chuck Ridge of Long Beach; stepson Terry Bass of Los Angeles; stepdaughter Julia McNess and her husband Jerry of Carson City; stepdaughter Deborah Anderson and her husband Kevin of Torrance; and 13 grandchildren.

Jack was an avid bowler, fisherman, hunter and loved every other sport there was. He was a lifetime member and bartender of the Eagles Lodge. He will be missed by many friends and all of his family.

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Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Daniel Paul Taylor

Daniel Paul Taylor was born Sept. 30, 1918 in Willamina, Ore. and died Sept. 21, 1999 in Bakersfield.

He lived as a boy in Grant's Pass, Ore. and later graduated from Benson Polytechnical School in Portland. He joined the Navy in 1939 and was aboard the USS Marblehead in Java when the war started. After returning to the U.S. in 1942, he attended flight school and received his wings in Pensacola. He then returned to the South Pacific and served until the war ended. He was employed by North American Aviation (Rockwell) in engineering flight test until his retirement in 1974. He then moved to Weldon.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Helen; daughter Paulette Corso; grandsons Brek Corso and his wife Melissa of San Diego; Corby Corso and his wife Patricia of Saugus; and Roan and Taylor Corso of Carmel Valley.

A private family service was held. Dan was an avid fisherman and spent most days at the lake. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Larry Phillip Slough

Private arrangements were held for Larry Phillip Slough, who passed away on Sept. 20 due to an auto accident in the Kern Canyon. Larry was born Aug. 20, 1940 in Bemidji, Minn. and was raised in Detroit. He moved to California in the early 1960s and lived in Ventura. He was an electrical contractor for 39 years before moving to Lake Isabella in 1990. He had many friend and always had a joke for everyone. Although he suffered from cancer he still wanted to work at "Our Place," which he owned with his wife Jaye. He would joke with everyone and play jokes on them. He was loved and liked by everyone who met him, even strangers. He touched all who met him.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Jaye, of Lake Isabella; sons Randy and Troy Slough of Ventura and Tom Cliborne of Ridgecrest; and daughter Tiffany Holtze of Santa Barbara.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Rose Marie Cloud

Rose Marie Cloud passed away on Sept. 17, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born March 9, 1919 in St. Louis, Rose Marie was adopted as an infant by Rose and Milton Goldbaum. She had one brother, Milton. As a young girl, her mother remarried William Campbell and the family moved to Beverly Hills. As a very young girl, Rose Marie's mother was an actress and later the governess for the Marx Brothers' family in Beverly Hills.

She attended Beverly Hills High and in 1935 married Roy Cloud. They lived their entire married life in California, in Los Angeles, Porterville, Eagle Rock and La Crescenta. Before retirement, Rose Marie worked for many years as an attorney in a collection agency in the Los Angeles area. Before starting their family, Rose Marie and Roy traveled throughout the state riding motorcycles. She was very supportive of her husband's love of motorcycles and cars, and they introduced their children at a very early age to racing Roy's homemade quarter midgets, which won many races.

Upon Roy's retirement, they moved to Weldon 22 years ago, where they enjoyed the life they had always wanted. With a lifelong love for animals, they were finally able to raise a variety of animals. It didn't take long for Rose Marie to get involved in the community and she was soon involved with the Women of the Moose, the needlework club Happy Hookers, and was on the Weldon water board, as well as many other activities. She had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke. She was very talented in handwork, especially knitting and crocheting, as well as most other crafts. She also loved playing games of all kinds, and enjoyed saving her spare change to test her luck in Las Vegas.

Rose Marie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roy; her brother Milton; and nephew, Bob. She is survived by her two children— son Allan and daughter-in-law Debbie, and daughter Linda and son-in-law Kurt Swanson. She also had four grandsons, Chad Swanson, Travis Swanson, Casey Cloud and Cory Cloud, and six great-grandchildren.

No formal services are planned. The family would like to thank Helen Taylor, Joanie Collins, Bernice Hamilton, the Happy Hookers, and other friends and neighbors for their love and special caring over the past few years for Rose Marie, as well as the ICU nurses at Kern Valley Hospital for helping make her final days as comfortable as possible.

Marjory Belle Brinson

Marjory Belle Brinson was born on July 4, 1920 to Gus and Katie Reid in Jackson, Mo. She entered into a new life with her Lord and Saviour on Sept. 27, 1999 in Monument, Colo. while visiting her oldest daughter and family. Marjorie married Harold Brinson on March 26, 1936 and they shared a wonderful 49 years together until his death in 1988.

Together they raised six children: Ted Brinson of Whittier; Loren Brinson of Moreno Valley; Juleen Edwards of Monument, Colo.; Jody Melby of Lake Isabella, Jill Hood of Weldon and Guy Brinson of Southlake.

Besides being blessed with loving sons, daughters and in-laws, she also had 15 grandchildren. She and Harold lived in Bell Gardens for 39 years and raised their family there before moving to Lake Isabella 19 years ago.

Marjory was a devoted, loving and caring mother, grandmother and friend. She loved her family, her church and her God, and was a faithful prayer warrior. She had a heart of compassion and one of her greatest joys in life was helping those in need.

Marjory left her family a wonderful inheritance, having raised her children with the knowledge of who Jesus Christ is and how they could have life everlasting by accepting Him as Lord and Savior into their hearts—an inheritance that will last eternally.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Brinson, father Guyus Reid, mother Katie Reid, brothers Tommy and Edward Reid and sister Vionna Floyd. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lois Marie Racicot

Cremation arrangements were made for Lois Marie Racicot, who died at her residence in Weldon.

Lois was born Nov. 28, 1933 in Eau Claire, Wisc. She died Sept. 28, 1999 in Weldon. She was 65 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Ernest Racicot of Weldon; sons Paul Gutierrez; Mike Aycock, Lenny Aycock, Ben Aycock, Larry Aycock, Dennis Aycock; daughter Karen Lewellen; brothers Jim Peterson, John Peterson, Chub Peterson, Richard Peterson; sisters Sharon Wallauer and Lorraine Macuse; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Arden Westfall Hofer

Arden Westfall Hofer of Onyx died Sept. 23, 1999 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. He was 83.

Mr. Hofer was born in Simla, Colo. on July 1916 to Gladys Lovie Chapin and William Hofer. In 1939 he married Jeanice Buss in Colorado Springs. They were to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 7.

Mr. Hofer served in the U.S. Navy, moved his family to China Lake in 1946, and retired from public works after 32 years of service. He and Jeanice then moved to Onyx where he continued his pastimes of gardening and woodworking. He was a member of NARFE, American Legion and Mended Hearts. He lived by the Golden Rule, a very kind and gentle person.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanice; sons Wes and Don of Seal Beach; daughter and son-in-law Law Ardyce and Marv McGowan of Ridgecrest; grandchildren Darcy McGowan of Portland, Ore. and Alison McGowan of Phoenix; brother Jim Garrison of Cortez, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews. A daughter, Linda Dale, and six brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services and interment will be held in Simla, Colo.

Naomi Geraldine "Gerri" Altman

Gerri Altman was born to Elonza and Agnes Fitzgerald of Vandergrift, Pa., on Nov. 8, 1911. She passed away at her Southlake residence on Oct. 3, 1999. She had been a resident of the lake area for the past 28 years. Gerri was a real rock and anchor to her family, a real lady of peace, filled with humor and loved by all. She had bunches and bunches of love for her family.

Memorial services were held at her Southlake residence on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. with her loving family officiating. Private inurnment was held. Gerri had one daughter, Karen Lou Waters, who preceded her in death. She is survived by grandchildren Charlotte Lee Ruse, Deon Geraldine DeSantis and Wally Laird Walters; nine great-grandchildren, ten great-great grandchildren; and one special great-granddaughter who was her caregiver, Kathleen Louise Jackson.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Edward Sandlin

Richard Edward Sandlin, 75, died Sept. 30, 1999. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Barbara J. Sandlin of Wofford Heights; sons Robert Sandlin of Wofford Heights and Tom Sandlin and Doug Sandlin of Kernville; daughter Sharon Storm of Laguna Niguel; and brothers John Sandlin of Vallejo and Norman Sandlin of Hamilton, Ohio. He was blessed with three granddaughters, Shelly Storm, Krystal and Laurel Sandlin and one grandson, Greg Storm. He was a decorated veteran of WWII. He retired from the post office in Ventura in 1985 and also worked for Halliburton-Welex Oil Co. as an engineer for a number of years.

A memoral service was held on Oct. 7 at the VA cemetery in Riverside.

Dorilla Frances Easton

A memorial service was held for Fran Easton, beloved wife and mother, on Oct. 9, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Fran was born Aug. 2, 1922 in Long Beach. She grew up in Huntington Park and was a graduate of Huntington Park High. She married Robert Henry Easton of Loves Park, Ill., on May 31, 1942. They settled in Granada Hills and had four children.

Fran loved and was well known for her beautiful sewing and remarkable craftsmanship. She was always designing or creating something for someone. Along with this passion she loved to travel with her husband, Bob, all over the continental U.S. Her talents and travels ended when cancer closed her eyes and quieted her hands.

She is survived by her huband, Robert H. Easton, of Mtn. Mesa; daughter Jeanne Frances Weishaar of de Funiak Springs, Fla.; son Dale Lee Easton and wife Sue of Antioch; daughter Janet Lee Gibson and husband Dean of Canyon Country; grandchildren Darrell Grisham, Jim Grisham, Brent La Bier, Glenn Easton, Derrick Easton, Trevor Easton, Gideon Gibson and Shannon Gibson; and great-grandchildren Danielle Grisham, Austin La Bier and Jordan La Bier.

She is preceded in death by a son, Robert Glenn Easton, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1961.

The family wishes to extend their deepest sympathy and gratitude to Hoffman Hospice of the valley for their dedicated professionalism and compassion during their loved one's last precious days. They made this difficult time bearable and they made our loved one comfortable.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Marcia Hendrickx

Memorial services are pending for Marcia Hendrickx, who passed away on Oct. 3, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

Marcia was born on March 12, 1931, in Rochester, N.Y. Marcia was active in the Hospital Auxiliary and HICAP. She was also a member of the VFW and Women of the Moose.

Marcia is survived by two wonderful sons, Brad and Ross; grandchildren Tony and Kristine; brother and sister-in-law Bob and Elaine Laman of Memphis; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Louise Thornton

Private arrangements were made for Helen Thornton, who passed away Oct. 11, 1999 at her home.

Helen was born in Fresno on Dec. 13, 1932 and resided here in the Kern Valley for the last six years, moving from the Antelope Valley.

Helen was a professional artist, and enjoyed painting and making jewelry. She was also very active in Girl Scouts, Brownies, FFA and the arts. She loved horses.

Helen is survived by her husband of 52 years, Clayton; daughters Cindy and Vickie; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Blanch Bucon

A Mass for Christian burial was celebrated Oct. 23, 1999 at 9 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Helen Blanch Bucon. Officiating was Father Raja Perera.

Helen was born June 11, 1919 in Jenny Lynn, Arkansas and passed away on Oct. 21, 1999 at her home in Weldon. She was a resident of Kern County for 60 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude's, and she enjoyed sewing and fishing and her dogs and cats.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Anthony Bucon of Weldon and her sisters Ellen Dumphy, Betty Fargo, Therisa Cory and Blanch.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eleanor Ruth Ramsey

Eleanor Ruth Ramsey passed away Oct. 21, 1999, following a long illness. She was born Jan. 24, 1921, in Yuma, Ariz. She was raised in the Kern Valley and returned to spend the last 20 years here. She worked as a dental assistant and receptionist for about 30 years. For the last 10 years of her employment she worked for Dr. Rushton in Lake Isabella. She was a member of the local Woman's Club in Kernville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth James Blount, and her father, John Potter. She is survived by her husband, Edwin Robert Ramsey of Kernville; son William (and Laurel) Ramsey of Canyon Country; daughter Judy (and Rick) Desjardin of Yorba Linda; grandchildren Aimee Bowers of Placentia, Ryan Ramsey of Jacksonville, Fla., Robyn Ramsey of San Diego, and Gary Bowers of Yorba Linda; great-granddaughter Alexandria Bowers of Placentia; brother Howard (Barbara) Potter of Rowland Heights; and sister June Morrell of Kernville.

She is remembered for her devotion to her husband of 59 years, as well as for her love and dedication to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She had a dry sense of humor that sometimes went unrecognized. Her family and friends cherished her and will miss her greatly.

A memorial service will be held at the Kernville Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at her church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wilbur Francis Vance

Memorial services were held at 11:00 on Monday, Oct. 25, 1999 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Wilbur Vance, who passed away on Oct. 21, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Wilbur moved here in 1956 and worked for Southern California Edison for 30 years and managed the Kernville Airport for 20 years. Wilbur owned his own airplane and enjoyed flying. He also sold mobile homes in the Kern River Valley for some time.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 15 years, Margie; son Gary Vance of Nevada; son Bill Vance of Nevada; son Ronnie Vance of Wofford Heights; son John Baker of Arizona; daughter Marrilie Halman of Garden Grove; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lillian Gertrude Fogelsong

A memorial service was held Oct. 30, 1999 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville for Lillian Gertrude Fogelsong. Officiating was Father Bob Wood.

Mrs. Fogelsong was born Nov. 10, 1903 in New Bedford, Mass. and passed away on Oct. 26, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

She came to California in Feb. 1960 and worked at Sears for 25 years before retiring. She moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980.

She was a charter member of the Girl Scouts of America and she enjoyed teaching her grandchildren how to cook and sew and just spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughter Doris Bettencourt of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jack Erny of Tucson; sister Florence Gobel of Quincy, Mass.; grandchildren Lynn Bettencourt of Lake Isabella, Sherry McDaniel of Carson, Buddy Bettencourt of Diamond Bar, Patty Garnett of Temecula and John Bettencourt of Hemet; 11 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leonard Childs

A graveside service was held Nov. 2, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Leonard Childs, who passed away on Oct. 28, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Childs was born in London, England and moved to Lake Isabella 30 years ago after retiring from Firestone Tire. He enjoyed traveling.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law June and Robert Camarano of Bakersfield; and a brother in England, Jack Childs.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gloria Belle Mallory

Graveside services were held on Oct. 28, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cottage Grove Cemetery (one-half mile east of the Onyx Emporium) for Gloria Belle Mallory, who passed away Oct. 25, 1999 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Gloria was born Sept. 1, 1930 in Horton, Kan. and was raised in Kern County, graduating from Kern Union High School. She was a loving mother of two sons, Michael and David Collins; a daughter, Francee Mallory; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gloria will be missed greatly by her two sisters, Sandi Tardiff and Karen Evans. Gloria enjoyed a full life as a home health care nurse for the last 15 years and as owner of Valley TV Service before that. She served faithfully and with great dedication as a reserve deputy of the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Gloria was loved and respected by all who knew her. She will be missed by friends, family and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family for funeral expenses.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary, Funeral Directors.

Ceriece (Peer) Reindl

Ceriece Reindl was born April 13, 1915 in Perry, Mo. She moved to California when she was a small child. Later she met and married her husband of 61 years, Paul Reindl. They had five daughters. When Paul Reindl retired they moved to Lake Isabella where they spent nearly 20 happy years together until his sudden death in 1994, at which time her loving daughter Marcy came to live with her and after Ceriece was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Marcy took care of her, with the occasional help of her older sister Carolyn Bryant, and nephews Jerry and Harry Da Hill.

The last 5-1/2 years of her life were a dark journey but with the loving care of her two daughters and the expert medical care given to her by Dr. Sawal, she was able to experience some measure of joy and peace in those last confusing, weary and somewhat radical years of her life. She lost her battle with Alzheimer's on Oct. 18, 1999 when Daddy came to take her home. She opened her eyes, called his name twice and tried to reach for him. Then they were gone.

All of those who knew Mom loved her as sweetness was and had always been her greatest and most true talent. Our aching hearts will always have a special place where her beauty and sweetness will ease the pain of our loss.

She is survived by her loving daughter Marcy who loved and cared for her, holding her hand, until her very last breath; by her daughter Carolyn; her sister Jane Widner; her nephew Harry Peer; her grandson Robert Stillman; three other daughters, and numerous other family and friends who loved her dearly. There will be no memorial services, as were her wishes. However, "memorial" donations may be made to: Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield CA 93313.

Ronald E. Rogers

Ron passed away peacefully Oct. 30, 1999 at his home in Kernville, surrounded by his family.

Ron was born Oct. 15, 1938 in Richmond, Ind. to Elmer and Grace Rogers. He attended school in Richmond and then Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

He is survived by Louise and Jim Devaney, Mike and Ann Mason, Penny Cochran and Robert Bigham, Don and Gretchen Becklund, April MacFarlone, Ray Becklund, Lori and Art Oriza, Jeff Becklund, and special buddy Sarah Oriza, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ron's parents are both deceased. He leaves a beloved brother Gerry and sister-in-law Pat Rogers; sister Pam and brother-in-law Gary Griggs; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends and a part of the family Robert and Peggy Kelley and godson Ronnie Kelley; hunting and fishing pal Dale Winchell and many dear friends and neighbors.

Ron fought a good fight. He never complained and had a wonderful spirit. The Lord blessed him and those around him. We will miss him dearly. Happy Trails, dear one, until we meet again.

No services were held. Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.

Richard Allen "Rick" Chernick

Rick Chernick was born in Encino on Dec. 1, 1956. He moved at an early age to Reseda where he attended school. Following high school he worked for seven years at Terry Lumber Co. in Tarzana. He then worked for several years doing earthquake repair and cleanup. Four years ago, Rick moved to Wofford Heights to be near his family. He passed away at his Wofford Heights residence suddenly on Oct. 31. He is survived by his parents Don and Margaret Chernick and by two brothers, David and Mike Chernick, all of Wofford Heights, and many friends who will miss him greatly. Private inurnment was held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Pauline J. Walke

Private services are pending for Pauline J. Walke of Onyx. She was born April 27, 1915 in California. Pauline died Oct. 29, 1999 at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. She was 84 years old.

She was a long time resident of Onyx and worked as a Pink Lady at Kern Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Tim and Paula Walke of Onyx and Norman and Linda Mae Walke of Kernville; son Pat Walke of the San Fernando Valley; sister Lorane Grey of Laguna Hills; sister Virginia Grey of Van Nuys; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Harold Estman Woolard

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Harold Estman Woolard. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Woolard was born on May 1, 1939 in Concordia, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 4, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights.

He came to the Kern Valley 32 years ago from Escondido after retiring. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and visiting with friends at Cheryl's Diner.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewell.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Richard and Shirley Woolard of Silver Lake; son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Julie Woolard of Mt. Mesa; daughter Pat Brierley of Bakersfield; sisters Zella Dyson and Wanda Weishapel, both of Kansas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Louise Marie Abshire

Louise was born March 10, 1927 in Alvarado, Texas, to Newt and Annabell Leonard. She passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Oct. 21, 1999.

At the age of 16, Louise and Roy Abshire were married and she devoted the next 56 years of her life to being a wonderful wife to Roy and mother to her four boys, Roy, Donnie, Eddie and Terry, and her one daughter Sandy.

She had been a resident of the Lake Isabella area for the past 26 years. Louise was also instrumental in raising several of her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Roy Abshire of the family home; four sons and one daughter; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Alvin and Ray Leonard of Texas; sister Lucille Ferguson of Texas; and many nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by one sister, Nadine Hill, in 1998. Louise will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Family graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 4, 1999 with Rev. John Carpenter, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gilbert Nathan Gillette

Gilbert Nathan Gillette, 84, passed away Oct. 11, 1999 at his home in Camarillo.

Mr. Gillette was born in Caldwell, Kan., on Oct. 11, 1915. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years before moving to Camarillo. He was an ironworker for 35 years, served in the Navy for 10 years from 1935 to 1945, and was a chief boatswain's mate (T) USNR. Mr. Gillette was an avid fisherman and enjoyed playing pool and cards with friends and neighbors. The real joy of his life was being with his children, grandchildren and "Carrot-Top," his one great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorothy Forbes; daughter Judy and her husband Steve Lindquist of Camarillo; daughter Jo Ellen and her husband Marty Martin of Camarillo; son Greg and his wife, Nadia Gillette of San Jose; nephew Woodie Woodard of Friant; grandchildren Jennifer Woods, Christy Davis, Ryan Gillette, Nicole Zarris, Erika Barros, Kristen Lindquist, Brandon Martin and Ian Gillette; and one great-granddaughter, Dayna "Carrot-Top" Davis.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Park Lawn Memorial Park, 6555 E. Gage Ave., in Los Angeles.

Arrangements were under the direction of Pierce Brothers, Griffin Mortuary, 1075 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo.

Sylvia Juanita Goodwin

Graveside services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 5, 1999 for Sylvia Juanita Goodwin, who passed away Nov. 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Sylvia was born on Nov. 17, 1923 to Mabel (Warren) and William Clayborn Hayes. She had 11 brothers and sisters.

During the war, she worked as a welder and riveter and later worked in the health care industry. Sylvia moved to the Kern Valley in 1963 where she and her late husband, Herbert Goodwin, were involved in several small business ventures.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Goodwin, and is survived by son Ron and his wife Kathy Smith of Portland, Ore.; daughter Darlene and her husband Jim Young of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Tom Heimforth of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Jayson Smith-Paige of Albany, Ore.; Patricia Arnold of Lake Isabella; and E. Todd Smith of Portland, Ore.; and great-grandchildren Shaylee Ann Smith-Paige, Katie Marie Smith-Paige, Jaykub Michael Smith-Paige, Max McGilligan Smith, Justin Dean Heimforth, Sean Ryan Heimforth, Ethan Cole Heimforth, Ashlee Nicole Young and Clinton Allen Arnold. She is also survived by three sisters and five brothers, all of whom live in Colorado.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Charles H. Weidman

Charles Weidman died on Nov. 9, 1999 in Petaluma. He was the husband of Eleanor Weidman; father of Peter Charles Weidman, John Arthur Weidman and Joyce Ann Weidman; grandfather of Adam and Amanda Weidman; and half-brother of the late Arthur Weidman. Charles Weidman was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was employed by United Airlines as a pilot. He was 75 years old and a native of San Bernardino.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Parent-Sorenson Mortuary and Crematory of Petaluma.

Harold Estman Woolard

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Harold Estman Woolard. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Woolard was born on May 1, 1909 in Concordia, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 4, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights.

He came to the Kern Valley 32 years ago from Escondido after retiring. He enjoyed fishing gardening and visiting with friends at Cheryl's Diner.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewell.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Richard and Shirley Woolard of Silver Lake son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Julie Woolard of Mt. Mesa daughter Pat Brierley of Bakersfield; sisters Zella Dyson and Wanda Weishapel, both of Kansas; eight grandchildren; 1 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alfonso Melgosa

Memorial services were held on Nov. 13, 1999 for Alfonso Melgosa, who passed away in Mt. Mesa on Nov. 9.

Alfonso was born on Sept. 29, 1910 in Mexico. He and his wife raised their family in Torrance. Alfonso retired from the Santa Fe Railroad and moved to Weldon, where he resided for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, especially fishing and just being outdoors. He and his wife both enjoyed a love for desert tortoises.

Alfonso was preceded in death by his wife, Vera, and is survived by son Robert Melgosa of Colorado; daughter and son-in-law Lola and Dave Bonfield of Torrance; daughter and son-in-law Virginia and Walter Hackman of Bakersfield; daughter Gloria Ann Campbell of Riverside; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangement s by Valley Mortuary.

Ronald E. Rogers

Ron passed away peacefully Oct. 30, 1999 at his home in Kernville, surrounded by his family.

Ron was born Oct. 15, 1938 in Richmond, Ind. to Elmer and Grace Rogers. He attended school in Richmond and then Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of 15 years. He took her sons and daughters as his own and loved them as such and they returned their love as well.

He is survived by Louise and Jim Devaney, Mike and Ann Mason, Penny Cochran and Robert Bigham, Don and Gretchen Becklund, April MacFarlone, Ray Becklund, Lori and Art Oriza, Jeff Becklund, and special buddy Sarah Oriza, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ron's parents are both deceased. He leaves a beloved brother Gerry and sister-in-law Pat Rogers; sister Pam and brother-in-law Gary Griggs; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends and a part of the family Robert and Peggy Kelley and godson Ronnie Kelley; hunting and fishing pal Dale Winchell and many dear friends and neighbors.

Ron fought a good fight. He never complained and had a wonderful spirit. The Lord blessed him and those around him. We will miss him dearly. Happy Trails, dear one, until we meet again.

No services were held. Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.

Ceriece (Peer) Reindl

Ceriece Reindl was born April 13, 1915 in Perry, Mo. She moved to California when she was a small child. Later she met and married her husband of 61 years, Paul Reindl. They had five daughters. When Paul Reindl retired they moved to Lake Isabella where they spent nearly 20 happy years together until his sudden death in 1994, at which time her loving daughter Marcy came to live with her and after Ceriece was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Marcy took care of her, with the occasional help of her older sister Carolyn Bryant, and nephews Jerry and Harry Da Hill.

The last 5-1/2 years of her life were a dark journey but with the loving care of her two daughters and the expert medical care given to her by Dr. Sawal, she was able to experience some measure of joy and peace in those last confusing, weary and somewhat radical years of her life. She lost her battle with Alzheimer's on Oct. 18, 1999 when Daddy came to take her home. She opened her eyes, called his name twice and tried to reach for him. Then they were gone.

All of those who knew Mom loved her as sweetness was and had always been her greatest and most true talent. Our aching hearts will always have a special place where her beauty and sweetness will ease the pain of our loss.

She is survived by her loving daughter Marcy who loved and cared for her, holding her hand, until her very last breath; by her daughter Carolyn; her sister Jane Widner; her nephew Harry Peer; her grandson Robert Stillman; three other daughters, and numerous other family and friends who loved her dearly. There will be no memorial services, as were her wishes. However, "memorial" donations may be made to: Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield CA 93313.

Ruby Adeline Hershey

Private arrangements were made for Ruby Adeline Hershey, who passed away on Nov. 11, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Ruby was born in Carson, N.D. and moved to Seattle where she worked for Northwest Pacific Bell Telephone Co. for 37 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1982.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Golden Slipper, the South Fork Woman's Club and the AARP.

She enjoyed bingo and visiting with her numerous friends. She is survived by her brother Robert Peterson of Connecticut and 12 nieces and nephews and her many friends in the valley.

There will be no memorial service as per her wishes. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice in her name.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alvis Leman "Brownie" Spencer

Al Spencer as he was affectionately known was born to Benjamin and Noreh Spencer on Jan. 27, 1914 in Clarkville, Texas. He entered into rest at his home on Nov. 9, 1999 at the age of 85. Al left Texas in 1943 and came to Shafter He worked on the Sill Farm for 15 years, following a short stay at the Hankins Ranch in Wasco. Finally he worked for the Ciacca Bros. Ranch in Buttonwillow. Upon his retirement, Al moved to Lake Isabella, where he lost his wife Rachel after 52 years of marriage. Later Al met Pauline Combs, who had lost her husband, and the two married. They had 9-1/2 years of happy marriage.

Al is survived by his wife, Pauline; son and wife Max and Toni Spencer of Shafter; daughter and spouse Betty and Ray Dickey; stepdaughter Joan and Bob Krowel of Lake Isabella; stepdaughter Connie and Alvin Brown of Riverside; stepson Robert and Sandy Combs of Long Beach; and stepson James and Pat Combs of Manhattan Beach. Al had three brothers and two sisters, 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a great host of friends.

Services were held on Nov. 13 in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with the burial rites at Shafter Cemetery.

Al liked to volunteer at the ~~Senior~~ Center and helped with passing out commodities to the needy.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Rosemary Peterson

Rosemary was born in Minneapolis on Sept. 22, 1931 to Edward and Rose Riley. She was married to her husband Arthur for 52 years.

Rosemary loved to make clothes for her family until her health prevented her from doing so. One of her hobbies was painting pictures of horses and flowers and she did a beautiful job of it. Another hobby she enjoyed was her garden. Her great love was to travel to the ocean as her health permitted it.

Rosemary is survived by her late husband, Arthur; son John Peterson of Colorado; daughter Pamela Peterson of Lake Isabella; daughter Patty Rowland of Palmdale; brother Jack Riley of Yucca Valley; brother Dan Riley of Minnesota; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family held a vigil for her on Nov. 19 in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Rosemary will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

The Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home were in charge of the services.

Shirley Mae Woodard

Mrs. Shirley Mae Woodard, 72, died Nov. 17 at her residence in Warner Robins, Ga. after an extended illness. Funeral services were private.

Mrs. Woodard, a native of Deerfield, Ill., was a homemaker and widow of the late Mr. Grover Marion Woodard. Mrs. Woodard was a Lutheran.

Survivors include: son Greg Woodard of La Habra; son Dennis Woodard of Big Bear; son Jeff Woodard of Pico Rivera; son Larry Woodard of Bakersfield; son Steven Woodard of Rancho Cucamonga; daughter Debby Dykes of San Luis Obispo; daughter Kathee Menosky of Hope Mills, N.C.; daughter Judi Albert of Warner Robins, Ga.; sister Leslie Rudolph of Lake Bluff, Ill.; brother Lester Marshall of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brother John Marshall of Franklin, N.C.; and eight grandchildren.

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home of Warner Robins was in charge of the arrangements.

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December 1, 1999

Charles H. Weidman

A memorial service was held in the family's home with the family on the evening of Nov. 11, 1999 for Chuck Weidman who died after a long illness of emphysema.

Chuck was born May 8, 1924 in San Bernardino and died Nov. 9, 1999 in Petaluma, where he had lived with his wife Eleanor Weidman since moving from Kernville on Jan. 2, 1998.

Chuck enjoyed a 37-1/2 year career as a commercial pilot with United Airlines after serving as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. After retiring from the airlines May 8, 1984 he moved with his wife Eleanor to Kernville.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Eleanor; son Peter and his wife Susan of Atlanta; son John and his wife Lynn of Seattle; daughter Dr. Joyce Weidman and her spouse Michael Brewton of Fairfax, Calif.; and grandchildren Adam and Amanda of Atlanta.

He was cremated at Parent-Sorenson Mortuary and Crematory in Petaluma. His ashes were presented to his daughter Dr. Joyce Weidman.

Rose Mary Sarno

A visitation and Rosary was held on Dec. 2 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary for Rose Mary Sarno, with burial on Dec. 3 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Rose was born on Oct. 17, 1900 in Syracuse, N.Y. to Antonio and Theresa De Marco, who came from Italy in the late 1800s. She passed away in Mountain Mesa on Nov. 30, 1999. Rose was 99 years old.

Rose was a beautician in the Los Angeles area for over 50 years. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them whenever possible.

Rose lived in the valley for four years, most of them at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa, where she was involved in the different activities that were held there.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Domenic. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Thomas and Judy Sarno of Wofford Heights; daughter Rosemarie Conner of Wofford Heights; granddaughter and husband Adrianne and Rex Davis of Bakersfield; grandson and wife Tim and Mer Conner of Mountain Mesa; grandson and wife Mike and Theresa Conner of Torrance; grandson and wife James and Janet Conner of Bakersfield; grandson Thomas B. Sarno of Germany; grandson Duke Anthony Sarno of Texas; granddaughter Tamara Marie Sarno of Long Beach; grandson Thimothy Nicholas Sarno of Texas; and great-grandchildren Ryan and Kristen Gobler, John and Ashley Davis, Jennifer Conner, and Jasmine and Kyle Arcurio.

The family has set up an account at the NWC Credit Union, P.O. Box 3553, Lake Isabella, Calif. 93240. For anyone wishing to make a donation, please make payable to Tim Conner in memory of Rose Sarno.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charley Fay Massongill

Funeral services were held on Dec. 7, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella with Rev. David Snow, Pastor, officiating, for Charley Fay Massongill, 84. Committal services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Charley Fay Massongill was born Aug. 7, 1915 to Charley and Martha Purselley in Grandbury, Texas. She was the 11th of 12 children, all of whom have preceded her in death. When she was 3 years old, her family moved to Farwell, Texas, where she grew up and in 1933 met and married Clyde Massongill. To this union were born three children, Dwane, Diane and Roxanna. In 1941, they moved to North Long Beach, Calif. and Clyde went to work at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, where he worked for 26 years. In 1944 they moved to Compton, where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir, and their children gave their lives to Jesus at an early age. In 1971 after Clyde retired they moved to Lake Isabella. Charley became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella on the first Sunday of January 1972. The many friends she has made in these past 28 years here in Lake Isabella have truly blessed her. Charley was preceded in death by her husband Clyde in 1994. She is survived by her three children, Diane Timm of Lake Isabella; Dwane Massongill of Las Vegas; and Roxanna Carter of Mukilteo, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Hazel Juanita Erdle

Graveside funeral services were held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Dec. 2, 1999 for longtime Caliente resident Hazel Erdle, 91.

Hazel passed away at Burlington Residential Care in Wofford Heights on Nov. 27, 1999. Hazel was born on Feb. 4, 1908 in Gypson, Kan. to William and Clara Read. She spent her early years living in large cities where she lived an active and colorful life. But the call of the out-of-doors always pulled her to a remote country type of living. She lived for a number of years in Chicago and was married to the editor in chief of the Chicago Tribune newspaper, Mr. Howard Harrison. Following his death she was married to Mr. Rhinier, a scientist who invented the metal vitalium, which is used to reconstruct damaged bones.

Moving west, she first came to Hollywood to the Bel-Air area, and about 25 years ago she settled in Caliente. As a child she climbed a sapling and swayed to and fro in the wind as she sang to the birds. Once she saw a bear in her yard so she went out to see if she could get a close-up look. She also saw mountain lions, bobcats and deer in her yard. Most of her life she raised English bulldogs and had several champion show dogs. Hazel loved classical music, especially the piano. She is survived by her half-sister Gladys Loser and her daughter Eudora Benson, both of Tulsa; nephew William R. Smith of Rainier, Wash.; great-nephew and his wife Shawn and Happy Smith of Sacramento; and by many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Shirley J. Deaver

Shirley J. Deaver of Lake Isabella passed away on Oct. 25, 1999 at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento where she was residing.

Shirley is survived by her mother, Wanda R. Deaver of Mountain Mesa; niece Michelle Renay and great-nephew Austin Jason Leibowitz of La Quinta; nephew Michael Ray Bohon of Palm Desert; aunt Genevieve Cluff of Stanton, Calif.; aunt Mary Jane Thornberry of Tucumcari, N.M.; aunt Helen Deaver of Mangum, Okla.; uncle William E. Goodman of Houma, La.; and several nieces and nephews in California, Oregon and other states.

Shirley was born May 8, 1950 in Durant, Okla. Preceding her in death was her father, Danny Loy Deaver in at Long Beach Veterans Hospital in 1992, and her only sister, Patricia Ann Titgen in Costa Mesa, who passed away in Oceanside, Calif. in 1997.

Shirley's death was attributed to a severe case of diabetes and other complications. She will be especially missed by her mother. She and her mother loved each other dearly.

She will also be missed by so many of her friends in Orange County who dearly loved her, who speak of her highly as a lovely friend that loved everyone dearly and was loved by all.

She also leaves behind her beloved dog Shana and cat Zachery and dear and helpful friends Elisa and Ed Weathers in Rancho Cordova, Calif. She will be truly be deeply missed by her friends in Isabella also.

Candlelight ceremonies are also pending at the Church of Christ.

Peggy Irene Jackson

Graveside services were held on Nov. 24, 1999 at the Kern Valley Cemetery for Peggy Irene Jackson. Family members rejoice as their Mother is now at peace following a long and painful illness. Born in Cokeville, Wy. on July 4, 1922, she spent most of her years in the San Fernando Valley with her husband Charles Robert Jackson, who preceded her in death, and their four children. She was a homemaker and really loved her role. Peggy's love for the Kern River Valley began when her mother and father, Ruth and Jack Hinkey, moved to Kernville in the mid-1940s. In 1971, Peggy made Kernville her permanent home joining other family members. She loved the river and the mountains and all aspects of the outdoors. Family camping and fishing outings were some of her happiest memories, whether they were on the Kern River or at the ocean. Her love of family, determination and sense of humor helped her immensely as her health failed.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Ann Clements of Riverkern; son Randy Jackson of Temecula; daughter Mary Conway of Los Olivos; daughter Susan Podeszwik of San Diego; brother Ted Hinkey of Loomis; brother Dennis Hinkey of Lake Isabella; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Ellen S. Anderson

Ellen S. Anderson, 91, a long-time resident of the Kern River Valley, passed away Nov. 27, 1999. Mrs. Anderson was born Ellen Sophia Thompson on May 15, 1908, the first child of Swedish immigrants. Known as a loving caretaker, she helped raise nine siblings on her parents' homestead farm near Lancaster. She raised her own family in Los Angeles, where her husband Mel worked for MGM studios. The family vacationed often in the Kern River Valley, and the couple moved to the valley following his retirement in 1971. They maintained a home in Wofford Heights, with a beautiful view of Isabella Lake.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her daughter Alida Bush of Huntington Beach; son Tom Anderson (a member of the Kern River Valley Revitalization Committee and the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce); brothers Jim Thompson and John Thompson, both of Apple Valley; sisters Suzy Edwards and Esther Parker of Hesperia; sister Lillian Hill of Fallon, Nev.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Since 1981, Mrs. Anderson lived close to family members in Hesperia and Orange County. She passed away in Huntington Beach of natural causes. She was laid to rest Dec. 2 next to her husband Mel at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Jane Mary Russell

A Rosary was held Dec. 3, 1999 at Valley Mortuary and a Mass celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Dec. 4 for Jane Mary Russell of Wofford Heights. Jane was born on Oct. 21, 1917 in New York City and passed away on Nov. 30, 1999 in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 35 years and she and her husband owned and operated Russell's Backhoe. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1997. She is survived by her brother Jerry Winslow of Pennsylvania; sister Peggy Cohen of Van Nuys, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carol Ann Willis

Memorial services were held for Carol Ann Willis on Dec. 4, 1999 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Carol was born June 13, 1939 in Los Angeles and passed away on Nov. 25, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Carol was an Avon dealer for many years. She enjoyed her Las Vegas trips and her bingo playing. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren. Carol is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jimmy; daughter Debbie Puls of Lake Isabella; son Gary Willis of Buena Park; grandchildren Brandy Puls, Crystal Puls, Amber Willis and Sean Willis; father-in-law Paul Willis of Torrance; and sister Dorothy Schbinger of La Palma, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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David Lee Stoll

David was born in Watertown, Wisconsin to Emmanuel and Elizabeth Stoll on Oct. 18, 1930. He entered into rest on Dec. 6, 1999 in Mt. Mesa at the age of 69. Private services will be held at a later date by his family.

David served his country in the Air Force at the rank of E-1 during the Korean War. After his time in the service he had two main things he liked to do. He loved to hunt, especially when his dog was along. He often told people that his hunting dog could do anything but make the morning coffee. The other thing that he loved to do was to go to the golf course and relax on the greens.

David lived in Orange County until he moved to the lake area nine years ago. He was a general contractor since 1962. He was known as a master craftsman in all that he set out to do.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Stoll; son James Stoll of Orange; son Robert Stoll of Buena Park; and sons Richard and Kenneth Stoll of Kernville. Also surviving him are six grandchildren, who really put a twinkle in David's eye whenever they were around.

David had a great love for his family and friends. He would be proud of his boys for the way they took hold at this time of great loss. David will be greatly missed by his family and friends and all who knew and loved him.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Marvin Wells

Private arrangements were made for James Marvin Wells, who passed away Dec. 9, 1999 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Mr. Wells was born Jan. 18, 1912 in Aurora, Ill. He moved to the Kern Valley from Ridgecrest 34 years ago. He worked in the space program and in aerospace for over 30 years. He built and flew the first home built airplane in Sycamore, Ill. when he was in high school. James and his wife started the first Senior Dance Club here in the valley many years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Violet Wells of Weldon; James and Amy Wells of Chico; Jerry and Robin Wells of Camron Park; 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and sister Dorothy M. Wells of Stockton.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ione A. Scott

Ione A. Scott was born on May 23, 1919 in Great Bend, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 29, 1999 in Wofford Heights at the age of 80.

Ione joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps on Nov. 20, 1943 and was discharged on Sept. 2, 1946. She came to the Kern Valley in 1945, where she was Director of Nursing for many years in Old Kernville. She worked for Dr. Barrows at the valley's first hospital, where she took the first patient by ambulance down the Kern Canyon with her husband at the wheel. After retiring from nursing, she worked for over 35 years alongside her husband, Jack "Scotty" Scott, at Scotty's Marina, Wofford Heights Chevron and Scotty's Marine Center.

Ione is survived by husband of 52 years, Jack Scott; son Jack and daughter-in-law Sandy Scott; daughter Cher Van Scoy; daughter Caryl Foster; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Walter Kaline

Walter was born in the city of Piyati Gorsk, Ukraine USSR and migrated with three older siblings, relatives and parents from Russia in 1928. The family lived in Mexico City for four years until the Depression in America opened up its doors once again and the family moved in 1932 to Los Angeles County. This is where Walter received his early education. At the age of 14 Walt showed a keen interest in working on cars—old and rare cars. Later on he became the president of the L.A. Roadsters Club. Walt moved to the Weldon area in 1977. Heart problems took Walter's life on Dec. 10, 1999 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife Betty; sons Bill and Bob Kaline; daughter Donna Sollars; brothers Nick and Bill Kaline; sisters Manya Althen and Violet Sandowich of Mountain Mesa; two grandchildren and one great-grandson. Walt was very active in our local Country & Western jam session, and was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers association. As per his request, no services will be held. He liked this comforting thought: When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room; why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little; but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know. And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me, but let me go.

Geraldine (Jeri) Ruth Flanagan

Private arrangements were made for Geraldine (Jeri) Ruth Flanagan, who passed away Dec. 13, 1999 at her home in Kernville at the age of 92.

Jeri was born on Feb. 5, 1907 in Michigan. She married a wonderful man, Darcy Flanagan. She and Darcy later moved to San Fernando, where she was employed at the Pabst Brewery for 25 years and also raised her two children, Gerry and Don. She and Darcy retired to Kernville where she resided for the past 31 years. She enjoyed the outdoors, her Kernville girlfriends, and outings with her family.

Jeri will be joined in heaven with her husband Darcy, son Don, granddaughter Marty and son-in-law Buddy. She is survived by her daughter, Gerry Storie of San Fernando and Gerry's husband Jim; grandsons Scott and Mark Morrison; Scott's soul mate Marion; Mark's wife Christine; and great-grandchildren Nicholas and Mackenzie Morrison. Jeri will be greatly missed but her spirit remains strong in our hearts. She had many friends in Kernville and was dearly loved. A private memorial will be held in her honor.

On behalf of the family we would like to thank her dear friends for their love and support. Jeri Flanagan was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward Theodore Bullis

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 1999 for Edward Theodore Bullis, who passed away on Dec. 23, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. The services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella and interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty.

Mr. Bullis was born Jan. 5, 1926 in Los Angeles. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1989 after retiring from McDonnell Douglas. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Historical Society and the Friends of the Libraries. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of 50 years; sisters Evelyn, Barbra and Velma Jean; brother Arthur Bullis; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Landa Bullis; daughter and son-in-law Jeannie and Ronald Hamorsky; daughter and son-in-law Diane and Jay Procenko; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Bobbie Bullis; son Keith Bullis; daughter and son-in-law Paulette and Art Medina; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Bella Marie Taylor

Private arrangements were made for Bella Marie Taylor in Oklee, Minn., who passed away Dec. 20, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Bella was born in Oklee on Nov. 23, 1923 and went to school there. Bella came to Calfornia in 1952. She was the manager of the Pig and Whistle in Hollywood and also the Desert Inn in Boron. Bella owned a restaurant in Venice and moved to Simi Valley where she worked in restaurants. Bella moved to the Kern River Valley 25 years ago where she worked for Century 21 in real estate sales. She continued to enjoy cooking for people after her retirement. She will be missed by her many friends. Bella is survived by Gordy Evans of Bodfish, her sister Vi and brother Leo of Minnesota, and many nieces and nephews. Interment will be held at St. Frances Xavier in Minnesota.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sara Renee Stephens

Funeral services were held on Dec. 22, 1999 at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach for Sara Renee Stephens.

Sara was born June 25, 1975 in Torrance and passed away at her home on Dec. 17, 1999.

Sara loved her son Christopher and enjoyed taking him places and doing things with him. He considered her his best friend.

Sara was attending Cerro Coso College and was really enjoying it. Sara was a very caring and giving person and always made sure her friends were taken care of no matter what the holiday or occasion.

Sara is survived by her son Christopher; mother and stepfather Sherry (Shadow) and Bob Aigner of Bodfish; father and stepmother Tom and Rochelle Stephens of Lake Elsinore; brothers Josh, Bobby and Jo Jo Aigner of Bodfish; grandparents Jeanie Fletcher and Larry Fredericks of Lake Isabella, and Jim (Pa Pa) and Barbara Stephens of Wildomar, Calif.; and numerous aunts and uncles and cousins throughout California.

Sara will be missed greatly by her family and friends, but will be remembered for her beautiful smile and happiness she brought to all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Newton Walter Kirby

Memorial services were held on Dec. 23, 1999 for Newton Walter Kirby at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mike Ireland. Newt was born Oct. 6, 1931 in Minco, Okla., and passed away on Dec. 19. 1999 at his residence in Southlake. He came to the Kern River Valley 36 years ago after retiring from Hailey Brothers, where he was plant supervisor for 45 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and he was a member of the Masons and the Eagles. He is survived by his sons, Walter, David and Richard Kirby; brothers Jim and Joe Kirby; sisters Wilma Kirby and Wanda Hutchings; grandchildren Jason, Tera, Heather, Nick, Cassy, David, Chris, Chad, Randi, Crystle, Amber and Tiffany; and great-grandchildren Jason Jr., Dyllan, Kaitlyn, Andrew and Alexis. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Oleta Mann

A private burial service was held at the New Joy Church in Bellflower for Oleta Mann, 90, who passed away Dec. 9, 1999 in Whittier. Pastor Dick Horne officiated.

Oleta was born in Arkansas and lived in California for 59 years. She was employed by Bullocks Department Store for 25 years. She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Oleta had recently been living in Downey. She is survived by son Jim Mann of Downey (retired Downey police officer); brother Rob Roy Golden of Kingman, Ariz.; grandson James M. Mann of Duarte; granddaughter Jodi Hess of Orange; grandson John Mann of Hudson, Fla.; great-grandchildren Kevin Mann of Cerritos, Wyatt and Katy Hess of Orange, and John and Charlotte Mann of Hudson, Fla.

There will be a memorial service held at the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge on Jan. 6, 2000 at noon.

Arrangements by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

William Travis Braden

William Travis Braden, 86, passed away on Dec. 7, 1999, in San Diego. He was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and had been a dairy equipment operator for Adohr Farms in San Diego County. He had lived in Lake Isabella and Kernville for 25 years after retiring. He returned to San Diego five years ago.

Survivors include son Michael T. Braden of Covina; daughter Jean N. Miller of Chula Vista; sisters Mary Ruth Smith, Lorene Nolan, Alma Ellison and Audra Braden; brothers Marshall Braden and Kenneth Braden; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were on Dec. 22, 1999 in Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Bonita, Calif.

Glen Abbey Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

Martin Glenn Weldon

Martin Glenn Weldon, son of Agnes and Henry Weldon, passed away on Dec. 15, 1999 at the Antelope Valley Community Hospital. Family and friends were by his side. Martin had medical problems for some time.

Martin was born Aug. 6, 1958 and resided at the Weldon Ranch in Kelso Valley. He was most proud of his medals and ribbons he won as a participant of the Special Olympics. Martin loved his family and friends. He was a kind person with a gentle spirit.

Martin was preceded in death by his father Henry Weldon, and a brother, Trent Weldon. He is survived by his mother Agnes Weldon, a brother, Bryan and three sisters: Judy, Corine and Rebecca. Martin had six nieces, three nephews and two great-nephews.

Services were held on Dec. 21, 1999 at the Weldon Family Indian Cemetery in Kelso Valley.

The Weldon family thanks all friends and family for the love and support given to them over the years. Special thanks to the medical staff at the Ridgecrest and Lancaster dialysis centers and the Antelope Valley Community Hospital for the special care given to him. Martin will always be in our hearts.

Wayne S. Requa

Wayne S. Requa was born in San Diego on March 13, 1922 and passed away on Dec. 15, 1999 in Bakersfield. At his request, no services were held.

He moved to the Kern Valley in 1977 after retiring from Pacific Telephone Company. He served in the Navy during WWII as an Electrician's Mate 2nd class in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville, Al Malaikah Shrine, Bakersfield Scottish Rite, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Sequoia Scottish Rite Club, and Order of Eastern Star No. 643. This past May 15th he was very pleased and proud when he was chosen by his Masonic brothers to receive the prestigious Hiram Award.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris; his son Dan; daughter-in-law Donna; grandson Cory and granddaughter Kelsey of San Juan Capistrano; sister and brother-in-law JoAnn and Richard Rolfe of Kernville; niece Christine Vullo and her husband Sam of Huntington Beach; great-niece JoAnn Bell, her husband Keith and their children Jared and Hannah of Spokane; his great-nephew John Kullo, his wife Lori and son Tommy of Newport, Wash.; and four very special friends of many years— Corky and Bud Rolfe of Kernville and LaVerne and Sam McWilliams of Wofford Heights.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Mary LaRue Gomez

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Mary LaRue Gomez.

Mary, or La Rue, as she was known to many, was born April 19, 1925 in Provo, Utah and passed away at her home on Dec. 27, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce Gomez, and her brother Alton Jerry Hayes. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Moises; daughter and son-in-law Sylvia and Robert Farkas of Nevada; daughter and son-in-law Marylynn and Jim O'Connor of Northridge; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Rick Merante of Newhall; daughter and son-in-law Sara and Glenn Eastes of Lake Isabella; daughter-in-law Karen Gomez of Sylmar; brother Leroy Hayes of Nevada; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leone Evelyn Loy

Private family arrangements were made for Leone Evelyn Loy.

Leone was born May 3, 1912 in Nebraska and passed away on Dec. 29, 1999 in Bakersfield after a short illness.

Leone's life enjoyment was taking care of her son, grandchildren and their families.

Leone is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Ralph; son and daughter-in-law Dick and Donna Loy of Lake Isabella; granddaughter and her husband Julie and Mike Hutchins of Lake Isabella; grandson and his wife Tab and Janet Loy of Upland; and sister Bernice Wilson of Wofford Heights.

Leone will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward James Quigley

Edward James Quigley passed away Dec. 30, 1999. Ed was born in Philadelphia April 24, 1913. He was 86 years of age.

He has one son, Gerry Quigley, and one grandson, Michael Quigley, both of whom live in Bakersfield. He also has a nephew and his wife, Ben and Jean Marie Stables, who reside in Laguna Hills.

Ed was very proud to have served his country in WWII.

He came to Lake Isabella in 1980, and he found his home here. He loved the people of the Kern River Valley and they loved him. He was a member of the VFW, the AARP, a faithful volunteer with the Alzheimer's Respite Group for 10 years; a regular at the Wednesday night dances, the Tuesday night music jam sessions; the CB'ers' Saturday morning breakfasts; and many other activities.

Several years ago, he was honored by the Exchange Club as "Man of the Month," and he took great pride in that award.

Ed ate at the Senior Center Nutrition Site every day he was able to, and often said he felt he was with family there. He was sure he was the luckiest man in the world! His happiness came from having so many of you to love.

Ed's positive attitude and wonderful sense of humor will be remembered by so many who loved him.

He requested no services. The Senior Center Nutrition Site will have a special luncheon at noon on Jan. 7 to honor his memory.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please make it to the Senior Center Nutrition Site Council. They will handle the money and plan to also buy a leaf for the "tree of life" at the hospital in his memory.

Goodbye for now, dear friend.

Clayton C. Rogers

Clayton Rogers passed away at home on Jan. 2, 2000. Services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Jan. 7, 2000. Clayton was born in Canora, Sask., Canada on Feb. 11, 1923, and moved with his parents to Michigan at the age of 1. He attended local schools in the Southeast Michigan area and graduated from Northville High, Northville, Mich. in 1940. He attended Michigan State College following his marriage to Loretta in 1947. They both worked at U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, 1946-47 before they married.

Clayton worked at the General Motors plant in Van Nuys for 32 years. Twenty-nine of those years were in the paint department and the rest in the water treatment plant. He retired in 1988 and moved to Wofford Heights in 1991 from Panorama City.

While serving in the Army during WWII, he volunteered for Darby's Rangers, 1st Battalion, Fifth Army. There were two battalions of Rangers sent to infiltrate German lines in Cisterna, Italy. The Germans had moved in reinforcements and the American Infantry did not show up, thus the Rangers were trapped. Clayton was one of the three men of his outfit who returned. Clayton received the Purple Heart for his wounds.

He was a member of the WHIGs, the VFW and the Kern River Valley Historical Society. He and his wife, Loretta, enjoyed working at the museum several afternoons a month as docents.

He enjoyed golfing before he became ill. His hobbies were reloading ammunition and making walking sticks for the museum gift shop.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Loretta; his daughter and son-in-law Carole and Clay Ward of Bodfish; granddaughters Shannon H. (Ward) Steele and Wendy C. Ward of Bakersfield; great-grandchildren William C.J., Erin K. and Jesse D. Steele; sister and brother-in-law Pauline and Bob Shaw of Northville, Mich.; and brother and sister-in-law Howard C. and Fawn Rogers of Middletown, Ohio.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William C. Camp

Graveside services were held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield for William C Camp, 55, who passed away Jan. 4, 2000 in Fresno. Visitation was held at Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Home.

Bill was born Feb. 25, 1944 in Bakersfield but chose to live most of his life in the mountains. His early years were spent in the Caliente area.

He was our beautiful father and brother, with his million-dollar smile and clear blue eyes, who had a passion for life, music and the mountains.

He harbored in his heart a love for the earth and people, especially the Native Americans he grew up with. One of the best qualities of our father was his willingness to forgive.

He will always live on through his children, siblings, grandchildren, and the person who knew him best, his soulmate, Bonnie James Camp, who was there to the end. We will always keep his memory, stories, and most of all, his jokes, alive.

We'll miss you, Poo-pa. Your children and siblings.

Doughty-Calhoun O'Meara Funeral Home.

Ralph Leland Lane

Funeral services were held on Jan. 7, 2000 for Ralph Leland Lane in the chapel of Valley Mortuary. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Ralph was born on Nov. 30, 1925 in Mobile, Ala. and passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on Jan. 3, 2000.

Ralph moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982 from Santa Monica. He enjoyed camping, hiking, fishing, boating and working in the performing arts. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and worked as an extra in different movies and television shows. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 569 for 44 years. Ralph also had 22 years with Alcoholics Anonymous and sponsored several people.

Ralph is survived by his companion Marcy Brunton; daughter Jo Ann Lane and Michael Elcan of San Diego; son Gregg Lane of San Jose; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Butch Perry of La Mesa, Calif.; daughter Mary Beth Lane of Albany, N.Y.; daughter Julie Sumner of Arcata, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Jerry Lovelady of Las Vegas; daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Timothy Clancy of San Diego; son Mark Lane of Redding; brother and sister-in-law Charles and Benne Lane of San Diego; sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Glen Calder; and grandchildren Sarah and Tyler Sumner and Molly and Grace Lovelady.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice (888) 833-3906.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald Floyd Fanning

Donald F. Fanning of Wofford Heights passed away the evening of Jan. 2, 2000 at his home. He was the son of Samuel Floid Fanning and Lyra Margarite Bond Fanning, who predeceased him in 1972 and 1986; and also was predeceased by his sister, Ora Mary Coop.

Mr. Fanning was also predeceased by the mother of his daughter and son, Lorraine Gwendolyn Smith Fanning, March 7, 1986.

Mr. Fanning is survived by his daughter, Kathleen S. Hester and son-in-law Scott M. Hester of Wofford Heights; son Donald Brian Fanning of Flagstaff, Ariz.; sister Barbara M. Quinn of Santa Barbara; step-daughters and sons-in-law Kristen and Gary Kilber, Kimberly and Dennis Markstone, and Kendra and Merced Tomelloso. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, in California and Nevada; and his wife of 10 years, Leah M. Fanning of Wofford Heights.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 450 in Van Nuys; the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358; and the Chrysler Retirees Assn. of California. He had worked for Chrysler Corporation for 38 years prior to his retirement in 1987. He graduated from Escalon High School, Escalon, Calif. in 1946. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Fanning requested that there be no funeral or memorial services. His remains will be inurned at the Kernville Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 2111, Bakersfield, Calif. 93303-2111.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Dallas Ringling Driskill ("Tinker")

Funeral services were held on Jan. 11, 2000 for Dallas Ringling Driskill at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Jeff McCulty of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Dallas was born in Cornish, Okla. on Jan. 29, 1914 and passed away in Bakersfield on Jan. 3, 2000.

Dallas first came to the Kern Valley in 1939 to cut potatoes and enjoyed a ranch in Havilah from 1964 to 1989 and then moved to Lake Isabella.

Dallas was a gentleman. Some even considered him a country boy. He even enjoyed an occasional waltz with his wife. Dallas loved to fish and hunt and enjoyed trophy hunting dogs.

He was a charter member of the CB club and used the handle of "Tinker." He was also a member of the Red Bone Hound Association.

Dallas was preceded in death by his son, Billy Frank, in 1997 and is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Frankie; daughter Shirley Driskill of Lake Isabella; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lona Mae Potts

Lona Mae Potts died of natural causes on Dec. 30, 1999 in Burbank. She was born Dec. 13, 1913.

She was an accomplished artist, an ace golfer, a world traveler and a good friend.

She is survived by her daughters Jeannie and Gail; grandchildren Kelli and Joe; and great-grandchildren Gavin, Sadie Jean and Alex.

Lona lived happily in Lake Isabella for 25 years. She will be greatly missed.

Ruth Idella Vanlandingham

At her request, no services will be held for Ruth Idella Vanlandingham.

Ruth was born on May 16, 1917 in Granite Falls, Minn. She passed away Dec. 29, 1999 in Lake Isabella.

Ruth was a very social person and held the office of president for the Kern Valley Sideband CB Club for five years. In doing so, she met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. She was known as "Cottontail" to most of them. She was also a member of he Grandmothers No. 94 and the Seniors Happy Hookers Crochet Club.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Van ("Jack Rabbit") and is survived by a son, Gene Vanlandingham of Weldon, and also all of her friends.

Ruth was a person who was very unconditional of her love for her family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Marguerite Judd

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Marguerite Judd on Jan. 6, 2000 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe and Pastor Floyd Castillo. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Dorothy was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She enjoyed visiting her friends and also enjoyed cooking.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 23 years, Charlie; daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Jack Mitchell, and two grandchildren, all from Alabama.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Clayton C. Rodgers

Clayton Rodgers passed away at home on Jan. 2, 2000. Services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Jan. 7, 2000. Clayton was born in Canora, Sask., Canada on Feb. 11, 1923, and moved with his parents to Michigan at the age of 1. He attended local schools in the Southeast Michigan area and graduated from Northville High, Northville, Mich. in 1940. He attended Michigan State College following his marriage to Loretta in 1947. They both worked at U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, 1946-47 before they married.

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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lucille Nona Speece

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Jan. 12, 2000 for Lucille Nona Speece. Lucille was born on Jan. 27, 1914, in Grandby, Mo. and passed away Jan. 7, 2000 at her home in Bodfish after a lengthy illness.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Della Cole, and also by her loving husband, Floyd Speece.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Donna and Robert Wilkes of Denver, Colo.; grandsons Chad and Mark Wilkes of Madison, Wisc.; sisters Wylene Huffman of Tyler, Texas and Bea Musser of Joplin, Mo.; and brother Jess Cole of Joplin, Mo.

Lucille will be missed by her family and her friends here in the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary Hatch

Mary Hatch was born to Stanley and Mary Drozdowski on Jan. 28, 1930 in Canada. She entered into rest on Jan. 13, 2000 at the age of 69.

Mary and her husband, Sid, were best known for being the owners and operators of the Paradise Mobilehome Park in Lake Isabella until Sid entered eternal rest in 1995. She continued operating the park until 1998, at which time she retired. Mary lived across the street from the park and had her home and several homes she cared for.

Mary loved to bowl and was an excellent bowler. Each time she got a strike she would do a little dance. She was bowling when she became ill and had just bowled three strikes in a row. It has been said that Mary died doing something she loved to do.

Mary attended the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church for several years. She is survived by her son, Glen Hatch of North Hollywood; daughter Linda Pope of Vista; grandchildren Brent, Trevor, Jennifer, Justin and Dylan; three brothers and two sisters; and a host of friends who helped her during her time in the Kern Valley.

Services will be held on Jan. 21, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church with Pastor C. Preston North officiating. Burial will be private.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Harvey Taylor

John Harvey Taylor passed away Dec. 29, 1999 in Victorville of a heart attack. He was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 19, 1938. John was one of two sons of H. Russell and Margery F. Taylor. He grew up in Bakersfield and graduated from grade school at Bakersfield Junior Academy. He graduated from North Bakersfield High School.

John worked as a certified welder at Hopper machine shop and then joined his father in the family fire equipment business, helping to expand it to four locations in the '70s. John assisted in expanding chain saw sales and repair, as well as safety equipment, servicing businesses, government, the mining industry and military in Kern County, through Death Valley and into Arizona. John moved into the Kern River Valley to open H. Russell Taylor's Saw Shop, later becoming Outdoor Power and Sport.

During his time he spent in the valley up until his untimely death, John was very active in local rodeo events and Ducks Unlimited, and he loved winter sports including snowmobiling with his good friends. He was also involved in off-road racing and was a member of the Mears racing team out of Bakersfield. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father, and is survived by his brother, Russell, of Oregon, and sons Scott and Michael of Northern California.

A memorial service of remembrance and sharing will be held on Jan. 22 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles at 12233 Highway 178 in Mountain Mesa. All friends and family are invited to attend and share our joint memories.

Baillie (Bill) T. Wilson

Baillie (Bill) T. Wilson passed away on Jan. 15, 2000 after a long battle with cancer. He was 73. Bill was born in Los Angeles where he lived, worked and raised his family with his wife of 49 years, Miriam, until moving to the valley in 1977.

Bill is survived by his wife Miriam; daughter Suzanne and husband Jerry Weis; daughter Diane and husband Randy Ford; son Dennis and wife Meredith Wilson; grandchildren James Lacy and wife Jena and their son James Lacy III; and grandsons Jeff Wilson and Ryan Wilson.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Kern Valley Hospital Foundation to help fund their mammography program.

Robert E. Krause

Robert E. Krause passed away on Dec. 27, 1999 in Hermosa Beach. He was 81.

Robert lived in the Kern River Valley for 23 years, in Bodfish. He was born in Corning, New York, on Oct. 13, 1918. He is survived by his children, Robert Krause Jr., Valorie Barren and Melodee Pelano; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Pacific View Baptist Church in Torrance on Jan. 15, 2000, and were officiated by minister John Sanders.

Harold W. (Bill) Young

Harold W. (Bill) Young, 57, passed away Jan. 1, 2000. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 6, 2000 at Mountain View Chapel, Boise, Idaho.

Bill was born in South Gate, Calif. on Dec. 18, 1942, to Harold and Genevieve Young. He was raised in Lake Isabella. After graduating from Fresno State University in 1967, Bill accepted a position with the U.S. Geological Survey in Boise where he worked for 33 years as a hydrologist.

In his early years in Boise, Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting with his family in the Idaho outdoors. His children have many fond memories of numerous camping trips and will never forget those cold mornings spent in a duck blind down on the Snake River.

In more recent years, Bill established an antiques and collectibles business. He enjoyed working with his clients located all over the world and was always searching for his next "big find."

Although Bill had a passion for his new business, he also loved spending time golfing with his son, Craig, and his daughters, Heather and Angie. Time spent playing with his grandchildren was very important to him. He was a very special husband, father and grandfather and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Betty Young; his daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Lance Dunne; his son, Craig Young; his daughter, Angie N. Young; his step-daughter and son-in-law, Chimena and Sean Cole; his stepson and daughter-in-law, Jason and Michelle Shurtleff, all of Boise; his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Darlene Young of California; his sister, Marilyn Young of Iowa; and grandchildren Taylor, Aubrey and Dorrin.

Jane Frances Widner

Jane Frances Widner was born in Perry, Mo. on Sept. 19, 1917, and passed away on Jan. 5, 2000.

When her husband retired they moved to Lake Isabella, and spent 20 happy years together. She spent most of her life as a homemaker, at times doing seamstress work at home. She also had a wide array of crafts she got great pleasure in doing.

The last few years of her life she was lovingly taken care of by her niece, Marcy Stillman. Combined with the wonderful care given by Hoffman Hospice, it made those last remaining weeks of her life more comfortable and peaceful.

I'm sure if she were here she would want to give special loving thanks to Jeneice, Doris, Randy, and Chaplain Bert Simpson, and everyone from Hoffman Hospice.

Jane is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Widner; brother-in-law Paul Reindl; and sister Ceriece Reindl. She is survived by her niece Marcy Stillman; nephew Harry Peer; sister Virginia Goodhart; nephew Johnnie Krigbaum and numerous other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Complying with her wishes, there were no memorial services. Arrangements were made through the Neptune Society, and her ashes were scattered at sea, uniting with those of her beloved husband. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield, Calif. 93313.

Margaret Ruth Miller

Private arrangements were made for Margaret Ruth Miller. At her request, no services will be held.

Margaret was born April 27, 1926 in Pulaski, Tenn. and passed away on Jan. 15, 2000 in Lake Isabella. Margaret was a member of the Women of the Moose and also the Eagles' ladies auxiliary.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 29 years, Harvey; her brother W.J. Spears of Morristown, N.J.; two sisters, Bobbie Spears of Nashville and Novella Spears of Indianapolis; and also her dog, Trixie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Theresa Link

Memorial services were held on Jan. 22, 2000 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Helen Theresa Link. Helen was born on March 9, 1924 in Trenton, N. J. and passed away on Jan. 14, 2000. Helen was a member of the Ladies of the Elks, St. Jude Altar and Rosary Society, and St. Jude Choir.

Helen was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Larson of Medford, Ore.; sister Theresa and brother William.

Helen is survived by her husband of over 52 years, Harry; son Michael of Trail, Ore.; daughter Virginia Bagnas of Lake Elsinore; sister Susie Rowan of North Carolina; three wonderful grandchildren and a great-granddaughter expected in April.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paulette Shuler

Services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on Jan. 20, 2000 for Paulette Shuler. She had been a Lake Isabella resident for the past ten years. Paulette was born on Aug. 30, 1942 and passed Thomas Dietz of Parker, Ariz.; away at Kern Valley Hospital on Jan. 17, 2000.

She is survived by her husband, Homer Shuler; twin sister Claudette Darnall; daughters Linda Mann, Mary Turner and Cindy Buckner; grandchildren Katrina Mann, Matthew Mann, Sarah Mann, Tamara Turner, Christina Turner, Bobby Buckner, Felicia Buckner, nephew Donald Lawson, niece Carolyn Lawson and all of her valley friends.

Paulette was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend, and she will always be in our hearts. We miss you.

Iola Mary Stone

Iola was born on May 11, 1913 in Clinton, Iowa to Raymond and Catherine Dietz. She entered into eternal rest on Jan. 17, 2000 in Redondo Beach at the age of 86. Iola was a resident of Wofford Heights for 27 years. Her life will be remembered by many and her influence and kindness will be missed.

Iola is survived by her son Duane Stone and wife Carol of Redondo Beach; brother John Dietz of Arroyo Grande; brother sister Catherine Roen of Blaine, Minn.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Iola was preceded in death by her husband Glenn and two brothers, George and Richard Dietz.

Visitation will be at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2000. Mass will be from 10 to 11:15 a.m., and interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ann H. Kent

Ann Kent, 90, died Dec. 8, 1999 at her home in Mineral Wells, Texas. Born in Rahway, N.J. on October 10, 1909, she moved to California in 1935 and lived there for 60 years before moving to Texas four years ago.

Mrs. Kent was retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation in California and was a member of the Women of the Moose, the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Rebekahs while living in California. She was a member of the Kernville First Methodist Church before moving to Texas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Euless, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Ivan Frisk, John Hewes and Edward Kent; sisters Geraldine Daberkow, Mary Kruse, Helene Devlin, Irene Scirrotto; and brothers John and James Wargo.

She is survived by her nephew Frederick Daberkow of Thousand Oaks; niece Judith Warren of Southlake, Texas; 13 other nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial was held in Euless, Texas. Cremation was private.

Lewis Ray Elmore

Private arrangements were made for Lewis Ray Elmore. Lewis was born Dec. 20, 1906 and passed away at his home in Lake Isabella on Jan. 22, 2000.

Lewis was born in Indian Territory of Oklahoma in an area which later became known as Blackwell, Okla. Lewis and his family moved to California in 1958. Lewis was an honest man and the best father a person could have. He also enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife Zorah in 1993 and is survived by his daughter Zorah-Mae Elmore of Lake Isabella and son Richard (Pefe) Elmore of Sepulveda.

The family wishes to thank the Kern Valley Hospital also Hoffman Hospice.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George "Pat" Griffith Sr.

George "Pat" Griffith Sr. was born May 18, 1916, and died Jan. 6, 2000. Pat was born in Milford, Iowa and was raised in Des Moines. He married Ellen Brown in 1937 and had two sons. Pat worked as an auto mechanic from 1934 to 1946 in the Des Moines area. he joined the Navy from 1944-46, served aboard the USS Shodwell in Bremerton, Wash. from 1946-71.

He was mostly self-employed in auto sales, boat sales, and had Griff's RV Sales and Repair in Chula Vista. He retired at the age of 55 in 1971 and moved to Parker, Ariz. where he loved fishing Lake Havasu and the Colorado River for 24 years. Survivors include two sons and their spouses, George Jr. and Marjorie of Bakersfield, and Donald and Julie of Ephrata, Wash.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren all living in the Tacoma-Seattle area.

Arrangements by the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Watson

Mary Ellen Watson passed away to God's hands at her home in Bodfish on Jan. 25, 2000.

Mary Ellen was born to David and Martilly Harris in Kentucky on April 11, 1912.

Mary Ellen was known with great affection as the "Cake Lady" of the Moose Lodge. Mary Ellen served as a missionary in the Bahamas. She is survived by her loving husband Cecil L. Watson and her daughter Mary Jane Pfeifer, both of Bodfish; son-in-law William Pfeifer; grandson Frank V. Schumacher III of Bakersfield; and a sister, Virginia Evans of Bakersfield.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Jan. 31, 2000 with interment on Feb. 1, 2000 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Mary Ellen will be dearly missed by family and friends. Services by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Joe H. Thomas

Joe H. Thomas passed away on Jan. 27, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. Joe was born in Paducah, Texas on Nov. 3, 1917 and resided in Lake Isabella for the past 11 years. Joe was a member of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827, the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and was Venerable Master of Pasadena Scottish Rite of 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Delores (Peggy) Thomas; son Kevin; two grandsons, Troy and Justin; brother James Thomas; and sisters Margaret Stevens, Jewel Perry and Sandra McMillan.

A memorial service will be held at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge in Kernville on Feb. 8 at 11 a.m

Jeanne Brunner Kielman

Jeanne Brunner Kielman left us peacefully late Monday morning, Feb. 7, 2000, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Her release saddens us, but blesses her in a unity with the divine that was her life-long journey.

Born in Pittsburgh on Aug. 5, 1918, Jeanne was the tomboy in a family of three other sisters and a younger brother. Her curiosity and outgoing nature often went against the grain of her childhood times, leaving her with appreciation and compassion for all children as an adult. She was the Girl Scout leader for both of her daughters' troops, conscientiously helping her charges earn numerous brightly colored badges for their sashes. She carefully and lovingly taught her daughters those domestic skills she valued: cooking, sewing, keeping a home (and checkbook), and 101 uses for the zucchini.

Jeanne's heart and front door were always open to her children and grandchildren, and to the neighborhood gang she welcomed into her home and her cookie jar. She took great interest and joy in her two children and four grandchildren, valuing and respecting them— and the menagerie of friends who accompanied them (the '60s were particularly noteworthy...)

The Catholic faith sustained Jeanne all her life. She was actively involved in the Ridgecrest Altar Society, overseeing the care of exquisitely embroidered vestments and beautifully crafted articles that were an integral part of the centuries-old Catholic traditions. Jeanne found joy and contentment in this area of service, and in the friendships she had with the women who shared these duties. She traveled to both the Holy Land and Italy to experience first hand the beauty and complexities of her religion.

Jeanne was an organizer. Her things had a place (and often a Scotch-taped label). Her life was ordered. She left us with no loose ends, no frayed strands to tie together. Her passing fills us with relief that her long trial has ended, but with bruised hearts that cellophane tape cannot mend.

She is survived by her husband, Leo Kielman; her daughters, Sukey Kielman and Jann Veach; her son-in-law Kelly Veach; her grandchildren, Gram Gallagher, Jay, Joel, and Julene Veach; her three sisters, Dorothy Stein, Mary Lou Fuchs, and Connie Foley; and her brother, Art Brunner.

A memorial service will be held at a future, unspecified, date. Her family requests donations to be made to: Alzheimer's Association of the Greater San Francisco Area, 330 Distel Circle, Suite A, Los Altos, Calif. 94022.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Florence Martha Wilkey

Florence M. Wilkey passed away in Mountain Mesa on Feb. 7, 2000 at the age of 87. She was born on July 4, 1912 in St. Anthony, Idaho. Florence moved to Anaheim with her parents and brothers about 1920, and graduated from Anaheim High School in 1930. She got married in 1932 and had five children through the years. Florence was a homemaker and wife for most of her life.

Florence and Al Wilkey met and married in 1950. They resided in South Gate and Downey until retirement. In 1966 they found the land of their dreams and placed their first mobile in Lake Isabella. They spent many weekends and vacations here until their move and retirement here in 1974.

Florence was active in the California Grandmother's Club and was a lifetime member. She was also very active in the Kern Valley CBers, where she was known by the handle of Low Voltage.

Florence is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Wilkey; two sons, one grandson and one great-grandson. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara A. and husband Arthur J. Robinson of Bodfish; Donna F. and husband Alvin Hamil of Goodwater, Okla.; her step-daughter Doris Meeker of Bodfish; her son, James T. McInnis and wife Corrinne of Hamilton, Texas; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a great many friends.

Florence has endured many illnesses and operations throughout her life and at one time was presented a trophy with words inscribed on it that she was a "tough old bird." With that in mind, her family says goodbye to a sweet and loving mother, grandmother and friend who will always be remembered as a "tough old bird," enduring to the end.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ethel B. Reid

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Ethel B. Reid, who passed away Feb. 5, 2000 at her residence in Lake Isabella.

Ethel was born June 4, 1915 in Deer River, Minn., and came to the Kern River Valley in 1961. She worked for the Joughin Ranch for 25 years. Ethel enjoyed crocheting and crossword puzzles. She had a great sense of humor and was always ready for a good joke.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Justin Jenkins of Eugene, Ore.; brother Earl Bowen of Wisconsin; three grandsons and eight great-grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews that she was very close to.

Inurnment will be at Randolph Cemetery in Randolph, Wisc. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Marjorie May Rogers

Marjorie Rogers passed away into God's hands on Feb. 5, 2000. She was born on Los Angeles on May 5, 1924. Marjorie and her husband, Fred Rogers, first moved to Kernville on 1976 after they both retired from the Seal Beach Police Department. In May 1982 Marjorie opened the Tumbleweed Art Gallery in Kernville, and later on became a Realtor for ERA Realty. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Albert and Caroline Lasken; sister Ruth Wilson; brother Vincent Lasken; and her son Kenneth Smith. She is survived by her husband Frederick Rogers and brothers Walter and Clifford Lasken; son Johnny Smith; daughters Carol Rosbrook and Linda Read; eight granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all. Memorial services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville on Feb. 12, 2000. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Joy May Troy

Joy May Troy was born in Long Beach on May 14, 1928 and passed away Feb. 8, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She was 71. She left behind a sister, Helen A. Turner of Mountain Mesa; a brother and his wife, Larry and Alberta Troy of Mountain Mesa; cousin Joe Farrer and his wife Rosa of Altadena; great-niece Teri White and family of Walker Basin; great-niece Michelle Blake and family of Mountain Mesa; and many more great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joy moved to Lake Isabella from Long Beach in 1982. She worked at the Moose Lodge for eight years before retiring. She was greatly loved by family and many friends and will be missed by all.

Services were private. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Divany Rigney

John Divany Rigney was born on April 18, 1924 in Shady Grove, Tenn. He went to meet the Lord on Feb. 9, 2000. He was 75 years old.

John was the sixth of seven children. His youngest brother, Jim Rigney, survives him. John was raised in Konawa, Okla., but moved to Southern California in the early 1950s. He retired after a long career in drilling and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981.

John was a good man who loved his wife of 47 years, Lucy Rigney; his three daughters, Barbara, Ada and Sandra; and his late son, Steven. He had eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. John enjoyed life in the valley, and gave a narrated tour to all those who came to visit. He enjoyed fishing, camping, word puzzles and bluegrass music. Many will miss Papa John, but we know he is sitting in his rocking chair eating peanut brittle, and reading the paper, waiting for us all to come home.

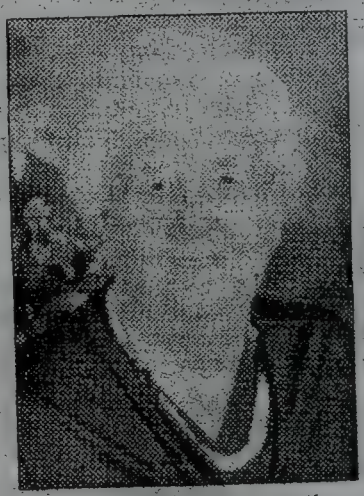
Drags. John had his pilot's license, loved to go fishing, write poetry and draw, and in his later years, enjoyed putting model cars together. John was also a member of the VFW.

John is survived by his wife of 17 years, Anita; sons John W. Williams IV and Jeff D. Williams of Reno and Jarrod A. Williams of Westbrook, Maine; mother Ida May Williams and sister Cathy Dennis of Lone Pine; grandson Dakota J. Williams; stepchildren Richard Katchuba of Michigan, David Katchuba, Gale Katchuba and Karen Dubel, all of Lake Isabella, and Thomas S. Alexander of Inyokern; 14 stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

John will be greatly missed by all his friends and family. We love you and miss you.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000



Nellie Alice Batelaan
November 20, 1912 - April 27, 2000

Nellie
Mother
Grandmother
Great-Grandmother
and most of all, our
Nanny

Nellie loved to cook, she nourished our bodies as she nourished our souls. We grew up on her chocolate chip cookies. She had a job she loved, cooking for school children for many years.

She loved to throw little parties, any occasion was a good reason. She always made party favors and gifts for all in attendance. In her younger years, she was very active at her church coordinating get-togethers, baking and decorating cakes. She also coordinated wedding receptions.

After God, her family was always her highest priority. She always had time to listen to a problem, wipe a tear, tell a joke to cheer, share a personal experience or give a hug. She was very proud of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would always share a story or picture of them with anyone who would ask.

She loved to make things for people, especially crochet. All who loved her have a lovely afghan, edged towels, Christmas stockings and when the girls were young, they always had little purses.

Our "Nanny" will always be in our hearts and influence our lives and she will be dearly missed by all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michael, Sherry, Susan, Mark, Elizabeth, John, Melody, Paul, Tracy, Emily, Raymond, Kimberley, Julie, Phillip, Sarah, Carol & Cory.

Donald Grant Flanagan

Don was born in Dodge City, Kansas on April 6, 1926 and died at home with family around him on May 1, 2000.

Moving to California, he lived and worked in the Cuyama Valley for a number of years and then moved to the Indio/LaQuinta area where he spent some 30 years, prior to moving to the Kern River Valley. He lived here for the last seven years.

Don worked at numerous jobs— as a farmer, mechanic and truck driver. Over the years he owned and ran his own service station.

He is preceded in death by two sons, Patrick and Donald, and stepson Frank Hardin. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Dorothy, of Southlake; children Rick and Eva Flanagan of Taft, Cindy Gomez of Modesto, and Terri and Tom Flanagan of Lake Isabella; and stepchildren Rick and Sheryl Hardin of Hemet, Debra Springer of Onyx, and Belinda and Henry Hutchinson of Lake Isabella; four sisters; three brothers; 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Burial was private by the Neptune Society. Memorial donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Kern River Valley.

Reahn Reinhard

Reahn Reinhard was born Nov. 29, 1906 in Minneapolis, Minn. and went to be with the Lord on April 24, 2000.

She was a resident of Onyx for about 20 years. She was active in the Grandmothers Club, an organ club, and also played piano for several clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emil, who passed away in September 1996.

She moved to Bakersfield Columbus Estates after an auto accident six years ago. In Sept. 1999, following heart failure, she moved to Encinitas to be closer to her son.

She will be missed by her sons Raymond and Betty Knight of Cardiff By The Sea and Kenneth and Lois Knight of Action and Minnesota; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held April 29, 2000 at her son's in Cardiff By The Sea. Grandson Michael Knight of Santa Maria officiated.

Erikson, Richard "Rip" Downing

Rip Erikson was born on April 5, 1929 in Seattle, son of Herman and Esther Erikson, and passed away in Weldon on Jan. 12, 2000. He was raised in Santa Barbara, moved to Los Angeles in 1954, then to Lake Isabella in 1986, where he lived the rest of his life.

Rip was a noted and popular race car driver and builder of race cars— known in the racing circles as a genius. Rip was the only one in the '50s and '60s who raced those cars to many championships. Many well-known builders and drivers of today utilize Rip's inventions and original concepts.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Esther; father, Herman; sisters Louise and Nancy; and son Alan. Surviving immediate family includes daughter Beth; son Steve; five grandchildren, Alan, Stephanie, Crystal, Travis and Ashley; great-grandson Kalao; nieces Donna, Shirley and Valerie; and nephew Warren.

His presence and great sense of humor will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and admirers. He touched many lives and will always be admired and remain in their hearts. Your last checkered flag has dropped, and we will all miss you.

Burial was at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Sylmar, next to his son Alan. No services will be held. Memorial remembrances will be at the California Racing Reunion on April 1, 2000. Donations may be sent to the Santa Barbara Kidney Dialysis Center.

Nellie Alice Batelaan

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. for Nellie Alice Batelaan, a resident of the Kern River Valley. Her youngest son, Chaplain Raymond Batelaan was the officiant.

Nellie was born on Nov. 20, 1912 in Cedonia, Wash. Until the age of 12, she lived on the family farm, helping her family survive the rigors of farm life and attending a one-room schoolhouse with her five brothers and one sister. In 1924, the farm was sold and the family moved to Odessa, Wash. It was in Odessa that she met her husband-to-be, Paul Batelaan. They were married in 1932 after Nellie had received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior. Following World War II, Nellie and Paul moved to Southern California, where they settled in the La Puente area. It was there they attended a small Baptist Church where Nellie coordinated weddings, organized church dinners and worked in the Sunday School program; all while raising three sons and working full time as a cafeteria worker at Bassett Elementary School.

Nellie's husband passed away in 1977 in La Puente. She continued to live there where she gave all of her time to her family and her church. In 1990 she moved to Sacramento to be near family. In 1995 she moved to Lake Isabella to be near family in that area. Nellie lived in her apartment until four months ago when her deteriorating health made it unsafe for her to live alone. Her health continued to deteriorate rapidly, but her death came suddenly and unexpectedly in a Bakersfield hospital on April 27, 2000.

Three sons survive Nellie: Harold of Magalia, Calif; Irvin of Wofford Heights, Calif. and Raymond of Bellflower, Calif. She is also survived by one brother, David Birge of Odessa, Wash., three daughters-in-law; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Nellie loved her family and most of all, she loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed.

Jean Paul Anderson

Jean Paul Anderson was born July 7, 1941 in St. Louis and passed away on Jan. 29, 2000 in Bodfish.

"Andy" joined the United States Navy in August 1961. He served 29 years for his country. Andy went to radio school in the Navy. He also received three good conduct medals during his time of service. He reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E7). He served on the USS Ranger and the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Andy was recommended for reenlistment and was discharged on Oct. 30, 1978 and returned to California. He lived in Bodfish and belonged to service clubs such as the Moose, the VFW and also the American Legion of Chino, Calif.

Andy is survived by his father Charles Anderson of Bodfish; sister Charlene Ogden of Rancho Cucamonga; brother Jeffrey LeRoy Anderson of Auburn, Calif.; and a great host of friends who will miss him greatly.

Services were held at his father's home on Feb. 3, 2000.

Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Norman Paul Tibbetts

Life-long Kern Valley resident, businessman and past community leader, Norman Tibbets, passed away Feb. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

He was born Sep. 1, 1930 in Old Kernville to parents Roswell and Edith Tibbetts and was a third generation born in Old Kernville. He attended elementary school in Kernville and high school and college in Bakersfield. During these years he was president of the youth group "Haven from Slavin'" in the Kern Valley.

In 1951 he married Bunny Ross (Woods) and had two children, daughter Vicki and son Jeff, also born in the Kern Valley. Norman was then employed as a surveyor for the California State Division of Highways (now CalTrans) and was the grade foreman for the relocation of state highways around the lake, due to the construction of Isabella Dam. Following the completion of the highways he did not wish to move from his beloved valley to follow this profession, so he became a business manager for various local businesses. In 1959 he was awarded a Chevron dealership which he operated for eight years. He then opened and operated the first auto dealership selling both new and used autos in the Kern Valley.

In 1957 he helped organize the Isabella Business and Merchants Association, which later became the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce. He was president of it and the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was an active community leader helping to promote the area, and was instrumental in obtaining the freeway into the valley. He spent numerous hours in Sacramento, Fresno and Bakersfield convincing dignitaries that a safer highway was a necessity. In the 1970s he was a candidate for Supervisor for this district. In 1976 he purchased Don's Crossroads, which he operated until 1978 when he married Arlene Wyly. Together they owned and operated Arlie's Club for the past 22 years.

Norman loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, and his Piute Mountain cabin. In previous years he was a softball pitcher for local adult teams, playing here and outside the area for several years.

Norman is survived by his wife, Arlene, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Phyllis of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Vicki and David Baskin of Bodfish; daughter Lois Tidwell of Salinas; grandchildren Brian Baskin, Randy Bowen, Lindsey Brown, Keri Bowen and Arlie Hodges; great-grandchild Reed; nephew Melvin Tibbetts; cousins BeBe and Bob Easley of Lincoln City, Ore.; cousins Vince and Bodil Huston of Norway; and cousins Rocky and Vicky Huston of Colorado. Norman will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Arlene's other children will miss him too: sons Jim, Alan, Chris, Steven and John Wyly and their families; and daughters Ann Swartz and Marion Emerson and their families.

Cremation arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella, with private family inurnment. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Arlie's Club on Lake Isabella Boulevard on March 5, 2000 at 2 p.m.

Mary Helen Redfern

Mary Helen Redfern was born on Sept. 27, 1946 in Arkansas. She lived in Bodfish for 19 years. In her early years in the valley she and her husband, Odos Redfern Sr., and their sons ran a woodcutting business.

She enjoyed camping in the mountains. Mary had many hobbies. If she was not taking care of her seven dogs or visiting with her 14 grandchildren, she was cooking. Mary enjoyed cooking large meals for her family and friends. She made sure she never skipped on extras. For all the years she lived in the Kern River Valley, she resided in Bodfish. She was loved and will be missed by family and friends.

Mary Helen Redfern passed into eternal life on Feb. 19, 2000 at the age of 53. This obituary notice was written by her granddaughter, Deserae Redfern. Services provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family.

James Dwight Roe

James Dwight Roe was born on March 31, 1930 in Pierson, Oklahoma and passed away on Feb. 19, 2000 after a long fight with emphysema.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Patricia Ann Roe; his daughter, Debrah Gerald of Bend, Ore.; Ginetta Tarrey of Bend, Ore.; Brian Keith of Rosedale; Charles Keith of Amarillo, Texas; Richard Dwight of Solvang; and Harlan Franklin of Wofford Heights.

James spent 30 years of his life in the aircraft industry. Then he and his wife came to Wofford Heights and opened up Roe's Department Store and ran it for 20 years.

He is survived by six children, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Elks, donated blood throughout his life; was president of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group; and was Frog Master for many years. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Kernville.

He was loved and will be missed by all.

Louis Joseph Castonguay

Louis Castonguay was born July 14, 1937 in Maine and died Feb. 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness.

Louis worked 52 years as a chef before retiring. He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 498 in Lake Isabella; Elks Lodge No. 2358 in Lake Isabella and Eagles Aerie No. 3156 in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Gertude Castonguay of Lake Isabella; son John Louis Castonguay Jr. of Texas; daughter Beverly Reyes of Fullerton; brother Rodger Castonguay of Florida; brother Conrad Castonguay of Connecticut; and sister Gibby Haney of Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Henry, Tommy, Leo and Norman Castonguay.

Cremation arrangements were made. Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

JoDella Newcomb

JoDella Newcomb, 63, died at her residence in Chandler, Okla. on Feb. 13, 2000.

Mrs. Newcomb was born Feb. 22, 1936 in Lone Grove, Okla. to Benjamin Sirmons and Josephine (Pierce) Sirmons. She married Jerry Dean Newcomb on June 7, 1951 in Altus, Okla.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God in Chandler. She had lived in Chandler for the past ten years.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Newcomb, former California Highway Patrol officer in the Kern River Valley 1959-70; sons and daughters-in-law Terry and Celeste Newcomb of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Ben and Shirley Newcomb of Chandler; son Larry Newcomb of Chandler; two brothers, A.J. Sirmons of Agra, Okla., and Velton Sirmons of Granite, Okla.; sister Nathalia Burnett of Nacoma, Texas; grandchildren Lance Newcomb, Travis Newcomb and Mark Newcomb; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Services were Feb. 16, 2000 at the First Assembly of God in Chandler, with the Rev. Doyle Seeley officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Chandler, under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Cyril P. Dolphin

Cyril P. (Sid) Dolphin was born on March 5, 1915 on Wallasey, England and passed away at the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on Feb. 24, 2000 after a three-month fight against colon cancer.

Sid is survived by his wife of 64 years, Hilda Dolphin; children Julie Woolard of Mountain Mesa, Kay Mohring of Eureka; Richard Dolphin of Crossville, Tenn. and Paul Dolphin of Bellflower and their spouses; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Ron and Bill Dolphin, and one sister, Vera Robertson, all of England.

Sid spent all of his working life in the aircraft industry and worked his way up from apprenticeship to design engineer. His last project was the Apollo space program where he designed the stage alignment for the booster, orbiter and lander for the moon landing.

Sid retired in 1972 and he and his wife enjoyed traveling for several years and finally moved to Lake Isabella in 1998 to be close to some of their children and grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all, for he was a generous, loving, caring man.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald Louis King

Funeral services will be held for Donald L. King today, March 1, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Don was born Dec. 29, 1937 in Los Angeles. He finished his chores and went to be with his wife on Feb. 24, 2000.

Don owned and operated his barber shop in the Lake Isabella area for 25 years. He was active in Rotary. He taught windsurfing at Cal State Bakersfield. He coached many Little League and Youth Football teams. He loved sports, including kayaking, fishing and skiing.

He will be missed greatly by his four little dogs and cats. He is survived by his children, Tonie and Drew Berry, Greg and Kristy King, Derin and Cassie King, and Eric and Robin King; his father, Virgil and Chet King; mother-in-law and father-in-law Thelma and Frank Wilson; sisters Doreen, Dixie and Tonie; grandchildren Derek, Daniel, Charlie, Sara, Emily, Luke, Nicole and Kristy.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Diana, mother Melda and grandson Cody. He knew so many people in and around the valley. He will be greatly missed by his family and many wonderful friends.

Words can't express how thankful we are for one and all of Don's many many special friends in the Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Eleanor "Nancy" Carlsson

Nancy was born in Yorkshire, England on May 18, 1930 to John and Helen Duncan McEwen. She entered eternal life on Feb. 11, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Nancy was married to Eugene F. Carlsson on Dec. 4, 1950, and they were married for 49 years. Nancy and Eugene lived in the San Fernando Valley for 12 years, and then moved to Tehachapi and stayed for six years. In 1987 they decided to move to Lake Isabella. In Nancy's many years of illness she never complained. Nancy is survived by her husband Eugene Carlsson; one son, Stephen Carlsson and family; and one daughter, Deborah Scofield and family. The families are in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Dallas, Texas. Nancy had four grandchildren, Kathi, Christopher, Heidi and Ian. There are two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Tylssa.

Nancy was loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed and remembered.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Coyla Belle Wilson

Coyla was born on June 28, 1916 in Kouts, Ind. to Rolla and Mable Goodpaster. She was the eighth child of four children. She was a strong defender of her brothers and sisters while growing up and a dedicated and loving "mom" to her many nephews and nieces. In the early 1950s she met and married Frank Wilson. They were married for 45 years. Frank died on June 17, 1997. Coyla lived a full and fun-filled life taking care of her "family" of nephews, nieces and cousins. She loved to sew, cook, do gardening and play bingo.

She is survived by the "son" she raised, Mac Quigley, and his wife, Tressa, of Wheatfield, Ind.; their daughter, Michele Lewis of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Rolla Goodpaster of Hammond, Ind.; brother Jack Goodpaster of Carson; sister Margaret Steele of Wofford Heights; and by her "five-in family"— Colleen Smith, her son Christopher and her daughter Haley "Haley-babe" Goodpaster, the bright light of Coyla's life.

Coyla entered into eternal rest on Feb. 25, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital. Services were held in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on March 4, 2000 with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A luncheon was held in her honor at the VFW hall following the service.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Lulu V. Morris

Lulu V. Morris, 96, died recently at her home in Hiawatha, Kansas.

She was born north of Hiawatha July 27, 1903, the daughter of Henry and Sadie Holden Hamm. She grew up north of town where she attended Hart Grade School No. 33, and attended Reserve High School for a short time.

Lulu worked as a waitress in St. Joseph, Mo., for a number of years. In 1942, she moved to Inglewood, where she was in charge of salads at North American Food Service in Los Angeles, retiring in 1965. She retired to Lake Isabella before returning to Hiawatha to make her home in 1992.

While living in California, she was a member of the Order of Easter Star, the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Women of the Moose. While living in Lake Isabella, she was a member of the homeowners association, the 55+ Club and the CB club.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1987; her parents; a son, Robert Shorb in 1988; and three sisters. Survivors include a son, Lyman "Gene" Shorb and his wife Delores of Hiawatha; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Cremation was arranged with no memorial services or visitation planned, as was Mrs. Morris's request. Private inurnment will take place at a later date at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Hiawatha. Arrangements by Chapel Oaks Funeral Home of Hiawatha.

Kathryn Angela Rodriguez

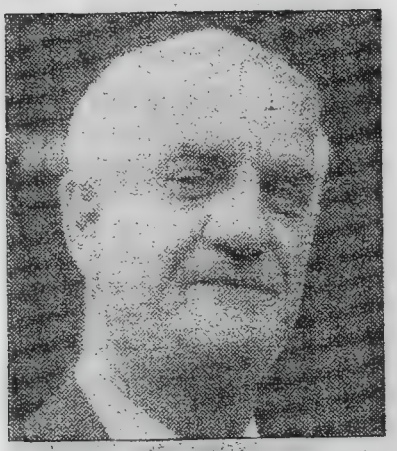
Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Rodriguez, who passed away March 7, 2000.

Kathryn was born March 23, 1914 in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in the Kern Valley for 38 years, moving from Mar Vista in 1962. She loved the outdoors and reading Western novels. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Alfred Rodriguez of Wofford Heights, son and daughter-in-law Ramond and Emma Lou Hendricks of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Julia and Michael Chase of Texas; sister Elma Waldouf of Colorado; brother Julius Shoenfeld of Lakewood; grandchildren Donald and Gary Hendricks, and Joan and Nicole Chase, all of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000



Leo Kielman

Leo Kielman's life ended March 8, 2000, a month and a day after his wife Jeanne's. His final days were filled with those qualities that marked his 84 years, courage and compassion for those around him.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 16, 1915, he was the seventh son in a family of 13 children born to Polish immigrants. He was proud of his "cobblestone rabble" heritage and grew up valuing principles rather than materialism. Honesty, integrity, and compassion for all living things were the cornerstones of his long life, and were his gifts to his two daughters, four grandchildren and all who knew him. His handshake was as legally binding to him as his signature. His religion was the Golden Rule, his place of worship the outdoors.

Leo's mind and hands sought the logical and mechanical in the world around him. He had a natural ability to fix anything, designing and creating tools or parts if none existed.

One of the first Navy workers at China Lake NOTS in 1944, Leo took pleasure and pride in his jobs—particularly in his later civilian work on the Sidewinder missile. An active member of the desert community, he was known for his deep-pit barbecue expertise.

In 1951, Leo briefly switched engineering degree at the age of 39 from the University of Arizona. He regarded his education as one of his greatest accomplishments and in the final year of his life, established a Cerro Coso Community College scholarship, and educational trusts for his grandchildren.

Leo was a gifted storyteller. The myriad of stray animals that limped into his open home and heart had odd names and strange fictionalized personalities as he recounted their exploits over the years (some were just plain strange, intuiting the softest touch in town...)

The story of Leo's marriage to Jeanne was a tapestry woven over 60 years' time. They were a part of the early days of China Lake, forming friendships and connections that enriched the rest of their lives. Leo's devotion to Jeanne during her 11-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease exemplified his remarkable ability to walk his talk. Commitment— in all aspects of his life— was not an abstraction.

Leo is survived by his daughters, Sukey Kielman and Jann Veach; his son-in-law, Kelly Veach; his grandchildren, Gram Gallagher, Jay, Joel, and Julene Veach; his brother Max Kielman; and his sister, Violet Kielman.

A memorial celebration for Leo and Jeanne Kielman will take place March 26, 2000 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carriage House in Ridgecrest. Please come with stories and humor to commemorate their lives. A Catholic Mass will be said in Ridgecrest.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Charles David Flynn

Charles David Flynn, born in San Diego on Apr. 24, 1922, died at home in Squirrel Valley on March 12, 2000. Chuck, as he was commonly known to his many friends, had fought skin cancer for 40 years, but it finally metastasized and spread throughout his entire body. His family wishes to alert everyone to the dangers of overexposure to the sun.

Chuck graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., and the American Graduate School of International Management, also in Arizona. He was a veteran of World War II, was a teacher in Northern California and in Orange County, and was among the first who taught in a continuation high school in the state of California. While teaching, he spent summers working as a marine biologist through the University of California, Irvine, on a study of shark behavior migration partially funded by the U.S. Navy. After retirement, Chuck and his wife, Virginia, traveled extensively and spent much quality time with members of their immediate and extended family. In recent years Chuck and Virginia volunteered at Death Valley National Park during the winter months, his assignments being mainly in the areas of construction and restoration of historical sites. Chuck was a member of the Kern River Valley Golf Club and the Historical Society, and was a member of the Death Valley '49ers Association.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Virginia; eight grandchildren; one brother, James Flynn of Park City, Utah; and his four children. Also counted among his survivors are Virginia's nieces and nephews and their parents, who have celebrated holidays, vacations and other special events with the Flynn family through many years and treasure the memories of Uncle Chuck and his life experiences which he so willingly shared with them.

Family members and friends participated in a festive celebration of Chuck Flynn's life at the home of his nephew in Inyokern on March 18, 2000. Burial will be at National City Cemetery in San Diego on land which at one time was part of a ranch belonging to Chuck's grandfather. Chuck had spent time on this ranch as a youth and shared many ranch stories with his family.

Donations in Chuck's memory may be made to Hoffman Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313. The family is deeply grateful for the care which Hoffman Hospice extended during Chuck's final days.

Renate Emmy Hamilton

Memorial services were held March 21, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Renate Hamilton, who passed away on March 16, 2000 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

She was a resident of the Kern Valley for 28 years. She enjoyed knitting and sewing.

Renate is survived by her husband of 38 years, Deon; son Thomas Avis of Kernville; Deon's children Fawn Coleman of Cache, Okla., Kevin Hamilton of Chula Vista and Evan Hamilton of Lake Isabella; and a brother, Agorn Piasecki of Germany.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kathryn Angela Rodriguez

Memorial services were held March 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Rodriguez, who passed away March 7, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Kathryn was born March 23, 1914 in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in the Kern Valley for 38 years, moving here from Mar Vista in 1962. She was a charter member of the LOE No. 2358 in Wofford Heights. She loved the outdoors and reading Western novels.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Alfred Rodriguez of Wofford Heights, son and daughter-in-law Raymond and EmmaLou Hendricks of Lake Tahoe; daughter and son-in-law Julia and Michael Chase of Texas; sister Alma Waldorf of Arroyo Grande; brother Julius Shoenfeld of Lakewood; grandchildren Donald and Gary Hendricks of Agoura, and Jeffrey, Jason and Nicole Chase of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mable Wells

A memorial service was held March 18, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Mable Wells of Mountain Mesa.

Mable was born Apr. 26, 1918 in Ava, Mo. and died March 13, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with emphysema for some 20 years. She was 81 years old and a five-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Shelah and Wayne Watrous; brother Arthur Plumb; grandchildren Jay Wells, Jeanine Wells Shaffer, Kevin Wells, April Wells, Kelly Miller, Philip Wells, Davis Wells, Justin Wells, Amber Wells, Alexis Watrous, McKenzie Watrous and Phillip Watrous; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000

Janice B. Vaughn

Janice Vaughn, 66, died March 19, 2000 at home of natural causes. She was born in Port Matilda, Pa., the youngest of five Vaughn sisters. Her parents and two sisters preceded her in death. Survivors include her sisters, Joyce Vaughn and Beryl Cohen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Miss Vaughn was a graduate of Port Matilda High School and was a secretary until her enlistment in the U.S. Navy. While in the service, she was voted Miss Armed Forces of 1954. After her tour of active duty she remained in California and worked for Hughes Aircraft until her retirement in 1988. She then came to live in Wofford Heights and became active in a number of organizations, particularly on the Wofford Heights bowling team. At home, she enjoyed interior decorating and needlework.

A memorial service by members of the Moose Lodge was planned for March 20. Inurnment was private.

Contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Church Fund, Fowler Hollow, Port Matilda, Pa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Verna May Mayfield

Verna May Mayfield passed away on March 17,2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. She was born May 4, 1925 in California. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years.

She is survived by her husband, Truett Mayfield of Kernville; sons Travis and Denny; four grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Herrick.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Wesley Schick

Graveside services were held on March 22, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Robert Wesley Schick.

Robert was born on Feb. 20, 1937 in Columbus, Ohio, and passed away March 16, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Robert helped run the 178 Drive-In in Bodfish with his mother and father, Robert and Geraldine Schick, until it was sold in 1975. He was a painter by trade and painted several different businesses and homes in his 40 years here in the valley. Bob was more like a dad than an uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

Bob loved fishing, camping, drawing and sketching, ice hockey, hosting family gatherings with a good barbecue, and his dogs Teddybear and Susiebear.

Bob is survived by his sister Debora Dockery of Bodfish; nieces Jerrie Lynne Davis of Lake Isabella, Mary Ann Miller of Bakersfield, Deborah Noling of Bakersfield and Cindy and husband Mark Garcia of Bakersfield; nephews Steven Davis of Lake Isabella, Edward and wife Mickey Komin of Bakersfield, Joe Wilson of Bakersfield, and John David Dockery Jr. of San Luis Obispo; 12 great-nieces and nephews and six great-great-nieces and nephews.

Bob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Rulon Stephen Scott II

Rulon Stephen Scott passed away on March 3, 2000 at the age of 85.

He was born to Rulon Stephen and LaVella Pay Scott in Nephi, Utah on Aug. 22, 1914. Rulon worked as a police officer in Burbank, and then joined the Marine Corps during WWII. He graduated from the University of Southern California and was a high school teacher for 16 years. During the summer months, he spent his time at his favorite occupation—cowboying in the High Country. Rulon was very active in and devoted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rulon married Gwendolyn Sorenson; later divorced. He married Faye Cowdell Timothy.

He is survived by his wife, Faye; sons Steve and Richard; daughters Carol, Joan and Donna; daughters-in-law Janice, Ilene and Judy; sons-in-law Dale, Jim and Mike; foster sons Ralph Clayton and Donald Hurley; 30 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jeanne Scott Dean. Rulon was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marguerite; and a grandson, Matthew.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2000 in the Mapleton LDS Chapel. Interment was at Larkin Sunset Gardens, Sandy, Utah.

William Robert Faley

William Robert Faley passed away March 16, 2000 at the age of 82 after a battle with cancer. He was born in St. Paul, Minn. on Sept. 11, 1917, the son of William P. Faley and Helen Roban.

He is survived by his stepmother, Mary Faley and stepbrother John Faley, both of St. Paul. He is also remembered by his brother-in-law, Clarence Olson of St. Paul, his niece, Cathe Olson McIlenhauer of LeSueur, Minn.; and nephews Dean Olson of Champaign, Ill., Donald Olson of Shoreview, Minn. and David Olson of Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Helen Faley Olson.

William enlisted in the U.S. military in 1941 and served in the Pacific Signal Corps in WWII. He was employed by Western Electric and worked in Minnesota and Nebraska, and later moved to Van Nuys and retired. He spent summers in Kernville and Beach Meadows (1979-1990) and then moved to Wofford Heights in 1991. William enjoyed hunting pheasant and deer, and liked sailing, canoeing, fishing, and reading science fiction. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665, and was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society. He was known as a docent, a person of knowledge and facts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

Carolyn Ruth (Honey) Gaskin

Surrounded by family and friends, Honey Gaskin passed away peacefully Feb. 18, 2000 at the age of 88.

She was born April 13, 1911 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Eunice Guthery and Oliver Renolds Carter. She was one of eight children, including five sisters and two brothers. Her 65-year marriage to Floyd "Sug" Gaskin began when they eloped in 1930 and was full of many adventures. Together they started the Trailrite trailer business, building custom-crafted trailers in Denver. Other business ventures included owning a chicken ranch in Santa Fe and a fishing boat based in Newport Beach.

An excellent seamstress, Honey blessed people throughout her life with her artistic fine creations. As an avid reader, she was always interested in current events as well as language and history. Generous and supportive are words that come to mind in memory of Honey. Her family was a great joy in her life and she was always in close contact with her two children and the following generations.

Honey lived with her daughter, Sherry Schermerhorn, in Lake Isabella since 1995, the year of her husband's passing. She enjoyed attending the Kern Christian Church as well as lunching at the Senior Nutrition Program. Her starring role in the television Home Health commercial was enjoyed by many in the valley.

Family includes sister Emma Bartlett, Corpus Christi, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Ina May Gaskin of Summertown, Tenn.; and daughter Sherry Schermerhorn of Lake Isabella and son-in-law Thano Schermerhorn of Walnut Creek. Grandchildren include Dana Gaskin-Wenig, Sarah Teed, Christina Schermerhorn; Rose Schermerhorn; Eva Gaskin, Samuel Gaskin, Paul Gaskin and Floyd Gaskin. Great-grandchildren include Kesrel Wenig and Gayla Gaskin.

The following are words from Honey's oldest granddaughter, Dana Gaskin-Wenig of Seattle. "My last grandparent died tonight at 8 o'clock at 88 years of age. Her name was Carolyn Ruth Carter Gaskin but everyone called her Honey. If it's true that loved ones are waiting to greet us on the other side, I know that my grandpa Sug is the first in line. He's been waiting for her these past years and they will probably start up bickering and making up right away. He always said that when he first met her he thought she was 'kinda pretty, kinda smarty.' I will miss her sorely."

Hummingbirds and Siamese cats, root beer floats and blowing kisses to the full moon. We love you and will miss you greatly.

Chino Rivero

Chino Rivero was born on April 23, 1927 and passed away on March 19, 2000, at the age of 72.

Chino was a part-time valley resident of Bodfish for many years. He always loved the Kern Valley and called it "God's Country."

Viewing and Mass was held at Douglas Mortuary in Hawthorne. Chino was laid to rest with military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Isabel; son George Rivero and daughter-in-law Teri; grandsons Bryan and Nick of Simi, and many friends in the Kern Valley.

Ella Marie Tomlinson

Funeral services will be held today, April 5, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Betty Mish Memorial Chapel in Oildale for Ella Marie Tomlinson.

Ella was born Jan. 7, 1909 in Chicago and passed away March 30, 2000 in Simi Valley. Ella is survived by her children, Shirley M. Wilkie, John E. Tomlinson and Robert P. Tomlinson; sister Harriett Hansen; brother Wilbert Virmond; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the 55+ Club in Lake Isabella and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Dorcas Society.

Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pallbearers will be Frank Wilkie, Jr., Scott Wilkie, Jeff Wilkie, Mark Atkins, Frank Wilkie, Sr. and Ryan Wilkie.

Services by Mish Funeral Home, Oildale, California.

Arthur (Orth) Spencer

Arthur (Orth) Spencer entered into eternal rest at home in Southlake on March 22, 2000. He was 91.

Arthur was born in Hebron, Ill. on Feb. 5, 1909 to George and Musa Spencer. He went to school in Hebron and Woodstock, Ill. In 1930 he met and married Elizabeth (Betty) Shepard. They were married for 70 years. They came to California in 1949, where he worked for the Solar Corp. as an aircraft machinist. Arthur and Betty moved to Lake Isabella in 1972 and retired to the Southlake area. He was a member of the Kernville Methodist Church. Arthur was an active traveler of the West, and loved go camping.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Betty Spencer; son Charles and wife of Bonita, Calif.; grandson "Paul;" granddaughter Nicole; and great-grandchildren Charles and Christine of San Diego. Arthur will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Memorial services were held at the Masonic Lodge where he was a member. A private service followed at the Rose Garden at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The service was conducted by Pastor John Carpenter of the Methodist Church of Kernville.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Judith Ann Mercier

Funeral services were held March 30, 2000 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judith Ann Mercier. Officiating was her cousin Pastor Jerry Thordsen.

Judy was born Nov. 15, 1938 in Austin, Minn. and passed away March 27, 2000 after a long illness. She was a respiratory therapist for many years.

She was a member of the Sweet Adelines and was past president. She played the violin for many years. She moved to the Kern Valley in 1976 and lived here until 1989 before moving to Hemet. She came back to the Valley in 1999.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Lucille and Howard Peterson; brothers David and Caroline Thordsen of Buena Park, John and Charlotte Thordsen of Colorado, and Joe and Shirley Thordsen of Simi Valley and Kelly Thordsen of Simi Valley; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Greg Sayre of Henderson, Nev.; son Mike Mercier of Ventura; two grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frank Willard Moritz

Memorial services were held April 1, 2000 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Frank Willard Moritz. Frank passed away on March 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital of a heart attack. He was born March 24, 1930 in Evanston, Ill. Mr. Moritz was a veteran of the Korean War and retired from North American Rockwell after 35 years. He was a member of the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 and an associate member of the Kern Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 1297. He was a volunteer at the fish hatchery. His love of the community and friendships he made here were evident in his volunteerism and love for the people whose lives he touched. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Carole; children Sheree and husband Sean, Jason and wife Tina; and seven grandchildren, Lindsey, James, Jaclyn, Shannon, Serena, Veronica and Orion. He will be greatly missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kern River Fish Hatchery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

In Loving Memory of William Anthony Thompson II

William Anthony Thompson II, AKA "Budman", "Breadman", 72, of Kernville, CA, born April 13, 1928 in El Monte, Calif., died Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at Kern Valley Hospital, Mt. Mesa, Calif.

Mr. Thompson was an Electrical Technician in the aerospace industry. He retired from the Librascope Division of the Singer Corporation. He served in the Navy and was a WWII veteran.

Mr. Thompson enjoyed fishing, bread making and the many friends he made in the town he loved and called home, Kernville. He will be missed dearly by his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, William Roger Thompson, Debra Paladino Thompson, and Skylar Lynn Thompson of East Lyme, Conn., his daughter, son-in-law and former wife, Tammye Lynn Hartley, Scott William Hartley, and Joy Thompson, of Washington, Penn.

There are many dear friends that will feel his absence. He was blessed to have such friends as well as his two surviving brothers and one surviving sister. The passing of his younger sister, Patricia Boucher, on March 23, 2000, has brought deeper sorrow to the family.

There was a luncheon held in "Bud's" honor, given by George and Darlene Randall on Sunday, March 25, 2000. His two surviving children give thanks to the Randalls and all of his friends for their support and friendship.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

William Marvin Culwell, Jr.

Graveside services will be held on April 13, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. for William Marvin Culwell, Jr. Officiating will be Pastor Charles McMahill. Bill passed away on April 4, 2000.

Bill moved to Weldon in 1955 after retiring from Lockheed. He enjoyed fishing, feeding the birds and was an avid bird watcher. He also enjoyed camping and traveling.

Bill is survived by Larue and Donna Jo Lumpkin of Weldon; sister-in-law Donna Nielsen, sister-in-law Dorothy Cato and husband George of Weldon; granddaughters Ruth Ann Berkemeier and Kathleen Randles; grandson James Edward Lumpkin and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lloyd Hubert Allen

Funeral services were held April 6, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Lloyd Hubert Allen of Mountain Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Eric Malamma.

Mr. Allen was born Nov. 25, 1908 in Farmington, Ark. and passed away on April 2, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. He worked as a welder and pipe fitter for Ofco Construction for over 34 years. He and his wife of 49 years, Marguerite, moved to the Kern River Valley 38 years ago from Pasadena. Lloyd enjoyed going fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1999. He is survived by his step-daughter and husband Doris and Robert Griswald of Mountain Mesa; son Hubert M. Allen of Arizona; daughters Doris June Dillander and Dixie Lee Akeres, both of Oregon; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank O. Hernandez

Private arrangements were made for Frank O. Hernandez, who passed away on April 5, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. Mr. Hernandez was born on Nov. 16, 1928 in Los Angeles.

He moved here 16 years ago after retiring from the Local No. 108 as a sheet metal worker. He was a member of the Moose, VFW, Kern Valley Golf Course and the Bodfish Beamers. He enjoyed fishing, camping and going to Las Vegas and Laughlin. Also pitching horseshoes, and he had many trophies to show for that.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Hernandez of Lake Isabella; son Gary Hernandez of Bodfish; daughter Loraine Mitchener of Lake Isabella; step-son Robert Knemeyer of Weldon; brothers Fernie Hernandez of Lake Isabella and Felex Hernandez of Whittier; sisters Mary Lou Montoya of Havilah and Margaret Sandoval of Whittier; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kenneth Doyle Loser

Kenneth Loser (Kenny) was born in Orange on Oct. 24, 1968 and went to be with his Lord on Feb. 12, 2000. He passed away at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs where his last days were spent with his family by his side.

Kenny lived in Wofford Heights and Kernville for the last nine years of his life, but went camping on the Kern since the age of five. He vowed that when he grew up he would someday live there in Kernville, and so he did. He loved the outdoors, the river, the lake and all God's creations. He loved life and lived accordingly. He was creative as an artist and loved dancing. He is now with his life partner Joe Wagner in heaven with our Lord. They shall remain in our hearts and prayers forever.

Kenny is survived by his father and mother David and Juanita Loser; his brother and sister-in-law Brady and Kimberly Loser; his niece and nephews Amanda, Brady, Dustin and Cassidy Loser, all of Yucca Valley; his special sisters and brother Lori, Kim, Beth and David and all their families; his aunts Tamara Speed and Jean McClenon and all their families; his uncles Arthur O'Dell and Kenneth Loser and all their families; his grandparents Eva Gaston and Tressia Talarko; and all the families of Bruce and Shirley Wagner that he so loved; his dear friend Bruce and Lori Woodruff; as well as many, many friends who loved him and will miss him.

A special service was given in Palm Springs for the family and he will be laid to rest in the mountains he so loved. So please join us in prayers and remembrances of Kenneth Loser.

Frank Willard Moritz

Memorial services were held April 1, 2000 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Frank Willard Moritz. Frank passed away on March 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital of a heart attack. He was born March 24, 1930 in Evanston, Ill. Mr. Moritz was a veteran of the Korean War and retired from North American Rockwell after 35 years. He was a member of the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 and an associate member of the Kern Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 1297. He was a volunteer at the fish hatchery. His love of the community and friendships he made here were evident in his volunteerism and love for the people whose lives he touched. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Carole; children Sheree and husband Mike, Teri and husband Don, and Frank Moritz III; stepsons Sean, Jason and wife Tina; and seven grandchildren, Lindsey, James, Jaclyn, Shannon, Serena, Veronica and Orion. He will be greatly missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kern River Fish Hatchery. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nathan E. Whitmire

Nathan (Nate) E. Whitmire was born in Missouri on Nov. 19, 1918 and died in Mountain Mesa on March 31, 2000.

Nate served in the United States Airm from 1942 to 1946. He was in the South Pacific theater of war. Nate received the Purple Heart and other medals during his service to his country.

Nate was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a long time member of the Royal Order of Moose.

Nate retired from the Maintenance Department of the Lancaster, Calif., school district. Nate loved teaching Bible study, Sunday School, the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, his family and the United States of America. He loved gardening with his beloved wife, Shirley, and excelled in any kind of woodworking.

Nate married Shirley Stamps on March 5, 1987 and soon after moved to the Valley Estates community of Weldon, where he and Shirley were active in the Homeowners Association.

Nate worked four years with the U.S. Forest Service in the Seniors Program. Nate is survived by his wife, Shirley; a sister, Agnes Armistead of Missouri; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lola and Rusty Thomas of Weldon; his children, Barbara and David Montgomery, Ron and Becky Stamps of Kernville and Dean and Denise Stamps of Rosamond. Nate is also survived by eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews residing in Missouri.

Reverend Bill Lewis will be officiating at the memorial services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Nate to the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1441, Weldon, Calif. 93283-1441.

Services entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday, April 19, 2000

Jack C. Anderson

Graveside services were held in the Kern River Cemetery, Wofford Heights, on April 14, 2000 for Kern Valley resident Jack C. Anderson. He passed away April 10, 2000 in Ridgecrest, Calif.

Jack is survived by his wife of 53 years, Clara Marie Malone-Anderson; a daughter and her husband, Cheryl and Tom Kramer; a son and his wife, Gary and Lori Anderson; his grandchildren, Joe and Michelle Tweedell of Jonesboro, Ga., Eric Galvin of Sacramento and Corbin and Carly Anderson of Spokane, Wash.; two great-grandsons, Austin and Brady Tweedell of Jonesboro, Ga.; and his mother-in-law, Marie Malone, who turned 95 in December 1999. Those who preceded him in death were his parents, brothers and sisters, and his sons, Jack Jr. and Eric Bruce.

Jack was a World War II veteran and participated in the Normandy invasion. He was employed with Southern California Edison in 1947 in Kernville. He retired in 1981 from the Thousand Oaks substation and then returned home to Kernville.

Jack was a devoted husband to his wife of 53 years and a devoted father. He loved his family and was very close to all who had the gift of knowing him. He took pleasure in hunting, fishing and playing golf. He was a member of the Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge, the Al Maleken Shriners in Thousand Oaks, and the VFW Kern Valley Post 7665.

Donations to the Kern Valley Youth Center are preferred by the family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000

Fred Raymond McCoy (The Quiet Man)

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, Fred McCoy entered eternal life in the early morning hours of April 16, 2000, at his home with his wife Irene and his daughter Betty at his side. He was 87 years of age.

Services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Jim Williams officiated, with special tributes by his three grandchildren.

Fred was born in Kentucky and as a young boy moved to Texas where he grew up on the family farm. There he learned the country values of hard work, honesty, integrity and a love of family and country. Before moving to California and establishing a home in Downey, Fred moved to New Mexico where he met Ruth Irene Knight, the love of his life. They spent several years in New Mexico, where Fred worked for the U.S. government. After WWII, they moved with their daughter Betty to California. Fred and his brother then established McCoy Equipment Co., servicing and leasing heavy equipment.

Known among his family and peers as "The Quiet Man," he was respected for his sense of duty and the values he lived by and passed on to his beloved grandchildren, teaching them "a man's word is as good as a written contract," "hard work never harmed anyone," "you can learn more by listening than by talking," and more. He loved to hunt and enjoyed the great outdoors. Due to his illness, he never got to explore the beauty of the Kern River Valley. He also enjoyed spectator sports and was a real fan of the old Los Angeles Rams.

His greatest joy was found in his relationship with his three grandchildren— they were the light of his life along with his beloved dog, Shar.

Fred is survived by his wife, Irene; daughter Betty Quinn and husband Jack of Wofford Heights; grandchildren Michael McCullough of Simi Valley, Kevin Quinn of Chicago, and Julie Hart and husband Michael of San Luis Obispo; great-grandchildren Tracy and Kelsie Hart and Mikayla McCullough; and many nieces and nephews. He was the last survivor of his four brothers and sisters. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Private interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park on April 24, 2000.

Theodore William Stortz

Ted Stortz was born on Feb. 26, 1915 in Chicago to parents Theodore and Anna Stortz. He entered into rest on April 19, 2000, at the age of 85, in Bakersfield.

Ted's greatest passion was on the water under blue skies with a fishing pole. He also loved little kids and was good to one and all. Ted also liked to travel. Ted gave love to everyone that he knew, and received love in return. He never met a stranger without talking to that person.

Ted is survived by his wife of 65 years, Julia; sons Ted and Ron; Ron's wife Suzanne; grandchildren Debbie and Jim, Linda and Chris, Charlotte and Bill, Ron Jr. and Amy, and Sheila and John; great-grandchildren Laura, Christopher, Michelle, Bobbie, Mark, Jerami, Joey, Lace, C.J., Amanda, Stephen and Craig; and a great-grandchild, Jullian.

Ted will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert Allen Mehl

A memorial service was held on April 22, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Robert Allen Mehl.

Robert was born June 21, 1937 in Dubuque, Iowa and passed away on April 17, 2000 in Bakersfield. Robert had been coming to the Valley since 1958. After retiring six years ago he moved to the Kern River Valley. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. He was a member of the Eagles and also the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, which he joined three years ago. Robert was a great guy, always helping everyone, making people laugh and enjoying life.

Robert is survived by his wife, Brenda; son Dave Mehl of Rancho Cucamonga; daughter Selina Mehl of Westwood; son Mark Sanger of Laguna Hills; grandchildren Tiffany and Raevin; sister and brother-in-law Sherry and Gene Bergeron of Arizona; mother and father Bob and Violet Mehl of Lake Isabella; aunts Carol Johnson and Darlene Schuster; and uncle Leon Pope, all of Dubuque, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

OBITUARIES

Esther Linn Hood

Esther Linn Hood passed away in the Beverly Health Center in Ridgecrest on April 28, 2000 at the age of 74.

She was born in Lowell, Mass. on Feb. 11, 1926. Esther was raised by her adoptive parents and spent her youth in China. She lived in Kern County for 50 years. Esther was married to Herbert P. Hood, who preceded her in death. Esther's last two employers were China Lake Naval Weapons Center and as a waitress at El Vaquero restaurant in Wofford Heights.

Esther will be remembered by her granddaughter Deanna Culbreth of Mill Springs, N.C. and her very close, daughter-like family and friends Pat and Dave Bavier of Weldon and very close friends John and Kathy Trigg, who at this time are at Guatanamo Bay in Cuba.

Esther was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Shirley Gladys Downie

Shirley Downie passed away quietly in her sleep in Mountain Mesa on May 3, 2000 at the age of 78 after a long illness.

She was born St. Paul, Minn. on July 30, 1921. Shirley married William Downie in 1942 and they moved to the Kern River Valley in the mid-1970s. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years in 1997. She was preceded in death by two children as well.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Mildred Milstead of Garden Grove; a cousin, Jean Breslin of Las Vegas; and her many friends in the local area. Shirley was a member of the Order of the Golden Slipper, Kaph chapter, the Ladies of the Nile and the South Fork Woman's Club. Even in her illness she remained kind to everyone. She always had a smile and a good word for everyone when she was asked how she was, with a big smile and a "fine." We will miss this very special lady.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Walter Williams III

Graveside services were held on May 5, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for John W. Williams III, with Pastor Jeff McCulty officiating.

John was born on Feb. 25, 1948 in Bakersfield and passed away May 1, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. As a kid, John enjoyed building and racing MGs and older Chevys with his father until his passing in 1966. He also raced at Famoso Speedway and the Inyokern

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Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton

Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton of La Crescenta passed away May 6, 2000, at 72 years of age, in Burbank.

Visitation was May 10 at the Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas. Services were held May 11, 2000 at Antioch Baptist Church with Elder C. L. Goff officiating. Interment was at Grice Cemetery, Upshur County, Texas. Pallbearers were Cliff Capehart, Matthew Dulion, Michael R. Dulion, Ivan P. Medina, Lance Medina and Sean Medina.

Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton's occupation was a singer and was born August 28, 1927 in Upshur County.

Survivors include son Clifford Capehart of Hendersonville, Tenn.; daughters Darly Dulion of La Crescenta and Melody Medina of Wills Point, Tex.; sister Loretta Sheffield of Wills Point, Tex.; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, you may send memorials to the Women's Jail Ministry, P.O. Box 341, Wills Point, TX 75169.

Lee Christopher Orrick

A memorial service was held May 13, 2000 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Lee Christopher Orrick, who passed away on May 9, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Lee was the widow of Roy Orrick, prior owner Kernville Moving and Storage, and a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley.

Lee was born on May 11, 1932 in Clovis, N.M. She enjoyed dancing, cooking, crocheting and collecting dolls.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Pam and George Cook of Wofford Heights; niece and husband Candee and Randall Maynard of Wofford Heights; and niece Christina Cook and Jason Linstrom of Reno, Nev.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Rose Seamon

Private arrangements were made for Margaret Seamon, who passed away at her home in Lake Isabella May 7, 2000 after a short illness.

Margaret was born July 22, 1931 in Philadelphia. She moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981 from New Jersey. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 40 years Robert L. Seamon; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Jaylynn of New Jersey; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Dennis De Bota of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three sisters.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dean O. Terry

Dean Terry passed away in his home in Havilah on May 6, 2000, with his wife and daughters at his side. Dean was born in Cedar Glades, Ark. to his parents Joseph and Alma Terry on Sept. 14, 1927.

At the tender age of 17 he joined the Navy and went to serve his country. Dean was proud of the time he spent serving in the Navy.

Dean and his wife, Inell, moved to Havilah four years ago, and enjoyed their home high up on the mountainside. He loved to hunt and fish.

Dean was a loving and kind person, a real joy to be around. He is survived by his wife, Inell, of Havilah; daughters Connie L. Kerly of Kinsely, Kan., Dena M. Tanner and husband Peter of Camarillo, Carolyn L. Terry of Seattle, and Laurinda K. Meade of Pasadena; sons Michael E. Terry of Acton, Joseph D. Terry of Moorpark and Larry Smith of Crestline; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on May 9, 2000 in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Veterans Post 7665 performed the memorial part of the service. Pastor Bert Simpson of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000

In Loving Memory

Virginia "Cookie" King

"On the day we are born, God gives each of us a beautiful guardian angel: and as we grow, we give her a name... Mother." "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." PSALM 91:11

Virginia "Cookie" King passed away Saturday, May 13, 2000, at the tender age of 58, after a long bout with Lupus. She was born November 11, 1941, in Glendale, California and is survived by her mother, Virginia Pauline Slusser; her loving husband of 40 years, Ernest Lloyd King; daughters Doreen, Lynn Marie and Laurie Ann; son, Kenneth Lloyd Russell and six grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Judith Ann Scheulke and her family; and her brother John Russell Slusser and his family. She is greatly loved and will be missed and cherished in our hearts forever. A memorial picnic was held in her honor at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 20th at William S. Hart Park in Newhall, California.

Mary Helen Willin

Rosary was said on May 19, 2000 at Valley Mortuary and Funeral Mass was said at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mary Helen Willin, who passed away on May 17, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights.

Mary was born Feb. 25, 1921 in Kentucky. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 24 years. She was a member of the St. Jude Altar Society and the Elks. She also enjoyed gardening.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Frank in 1993. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Pat and Stephanie Willin of San Diego; daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Ed Winship of Wofford Heights; brother Bud Hamilton of Kentucky; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert E. Heagney

Robert E. Heagney passed away on May 18, 2000 at Burlando Assisted Living for Seniors in Kernville. He was born to Earl J. Heagney and Mary Rissmiller Heagney in Santa Barbara and was raised there with his twin sisters.

Moving to the Los Angeles area as a young man, he married Frances Wilkerson and had one daughter, Carol, both of who preceded him in death.

Bob worked for the Southern Pacific Railway for over 40 years, the last 25 as an engineer. He met and married Peggy Rall and they retired to Lake Isabella in 1978.

In addition to his wife, Peggy, Bob is missed and mourned by his four stepchildren, Anthony Rall and his wife Jacqueline of Scotts Valley, Calif., Richard A. Rall III of Vista, Calif., Sara Rall Rains of Simi Valley; and Kathleen Rall of Lake Isabella and her husband Chris Young of Shajah, U.A.E. He held his stepchildren close to his heart, as he did his grandson, Daniel Rall of Berkeley and his granddaughter Monica Button, her husband John and his new great-grandson Nathan of Klamath, Calif.

Bob was a man who loved the outdoors, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and was very knowledgeable about nature. He and Peggy enjoyed traveling and camping, often with their family, and he loved reading. He was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, where a memorial luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday May 28, followed by a memorial service at 12:30.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Larry Burns Joyner, Sr.

Funeral services were held on May 10, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel with graveside services following at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Larry Joyner, Sr.

Larry was born on Jan. 19, 1933 in Pasadena and passed away on May 5, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Larry was the youngest of five children born to Lanson and Marie Joyner. Larry attended school in Pasadena, played baseball and was drafted by the Cubs. He was a member of the Navy Reserves for eight years, worked for the Pasadena City Schools, and raced homing pigeons.

Sharon and Larry used to picnic on the Kern River in Old Kernville, and in 1960 bought property in Alta Sierra on Greenhorn Mountain.

Larry was a journeyman pipefitter for Local 250. He was a plumbing contractor in the Kern River Valley for over 40 years, worked for the Alta Sierra Water Company, helped start the first cable company on Greenhorn Mountain, and worked as a volunteer fireman for the Kern County Fire Department from 1974 to 1994. In 1983 he, along with his family, started building portable showers, taking them to natural disasters and fires. He loved the business, the fire community, and looked forward to the fire season each year.

Larry was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sharon; son and daughter-in-law Larry Jr. and Mary Jo of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Lynne and Tom Sandlin of Kernville; grandchildren Landon and Dallas Joyner of Wofford Heights and Krystal and Laurel of Kernville; sister Marie Joyner of Pasadena; sister and brother-in-law Ethlyn and Joseph Pulliam of Arcadia; and lots of friends.

Arrangements by Valley

Margaret P. Jones

Margaret Jones passed into eternal rest into the hands of her Lord on May 15, 2000, at the age of 84.

She was born in Long Beach to her parents Vito and Mary Pinto on Aug. 2, 1915. Margaret met and married David Jones on June 28, 1953. Their courtship was not too long after they met in 1952 upon David's return from Korea. They had 47 wonderful years of marriage. Some of Margaret's happiest times were when she was playing the piano. She loved to make people happy.

Margaret played at the Moose Lodge during dinner hour on Friday nights. Music was a great part of her life.

Margaret entertained from the age of 14 over 70 years of entertaining and bringing happiness and blessing to others. Even in her last week she spoke to her grandson with her desire to play the piano once more.

She is survived by her husband, David; son Ronald Orsini of Van Nuys; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 19. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Margaret and her music will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000

Michael Dillon Worley

Michael Dillon Worley, age 20, died May 13, 2000 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was serving in the U. S. Air Force working in the Satellite Operation division. Michael was in an auto accident.

Michael was born Aug. 30, 1979 in Newport Beach. He was married on Sept. 5, 1998 to Brianne M. Scire.

He is survived by his wife, Brianne; son Dillon Anthony and another one on the way; mother Cathy Standridge; grandmother Pat Standridge; uncle Gerald and wife Dorothy and son Luke Standridge; great-grandmothers Dorothy Hyatt and Thelma Standridge; father-in-law and mother-in-law Tony and Peggy Sicre; and numerous great-aunts and uncles and second cousins and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather, Lowell Standridge, and great-grandfathers Carl Hyatt and H.J. Standridge.

Memorial services will be held on June 6, 2000 at 9 a.m. at one of Michael's favorite skating places, Silver Creek Recreation Center, at 7011 Harris Rd., Bakersfield.

The family asks no flowers, please.

If you didn't know Michael, I am sad for you. If you did know him, consider yourself one of the luckiest people on earth. Michael will be missed greatly.

Gilbert Pond Reinhardt

Gilbert Pond Reinhardt passed away May 21, 2000 at 72 years of age.

Gil is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy of Bodfish; son Karl Reinhardt and fiancee Laurie of Vista; daughter and son-in-law Randi and Dale Prior of Henderson, Nev.; twin brother Jim Reinhardt of Torrance; brother Bob Reinhardt of Sacramento; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

An informal service was held May 24 at 10 a.m. at Lake Isabella Park.

Gil dearly loved the Kern Valley and fishing with his buddies. His warm heart and generous nature will be missed by family and friends.

Robert Lavern Torrence

Private arrangements were made for Robert Lavern Torrance, who passed away at his home in Riverkern after a long illness on May 22, 2000.

Mr. Torrence was born April 13, 1924 in Indiana. He and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring 20 years ago. He was a building contractor for over 30 years. He enjoyed traveling and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marjorie; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Beth Torrance of Moreno Valley; daughter and son-in-law Beth and Mike Wannberg of Boise, Idaho; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Benson Earl Braithwaite

Graveside services were held May 26, 2000 at Fair Oaks District Cemetery in Fair Oaks, Calif. for Benson Earl Braithwaite, who passed away on May 21 in Mountain Mesa.

Benson was born October 15, 1921 in Rapid City, S.D. He was a decorated WWII veteran. He retired from Northrup Aircraft in 1976 and lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past 24 years. He was active with the Corps of Engineers until 1990. Benson was a craftsman at woodworking and loved gardening.

His is survived by his wife Harriet; three children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2000

Don Jene Wilson

Don Wilson entered into eternal life on May 30, 2000 at the age of 87.

Don came to Los Angeles with his mother shortly after his father passed away. He attended school and college in the Los Angeles area. Later he moved to Fresno where he and Hout Gibson opened a bar and grill lodge. They also opened a roping arena where Don and Hout had a lot of fun roping many a calf.

Don moved to Bakersfield after his business ventures in Fresno. He became a salesman for whiskey and paper goods. Don's love for fishing in the Kern River and catching trout and camping out grew before the Isabella dam was built in the early '50s. His love for the lake area grew and in 1980 he moved to Bodfish, where he spent the last 20 years near his fishing spots along the Kern River. Don also distributed commodities to low income families and friends in Bodfish.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta; daughter Kathy and son-in-law Manuel Aragon of Bakersfield; Sandy Estrada of Bakersfield; John Sheehan and wife Toni of Bakersfield; Marvin Sheehan and wife Gloria of Bakersfield; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were held June 2, 2000 at graveside in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

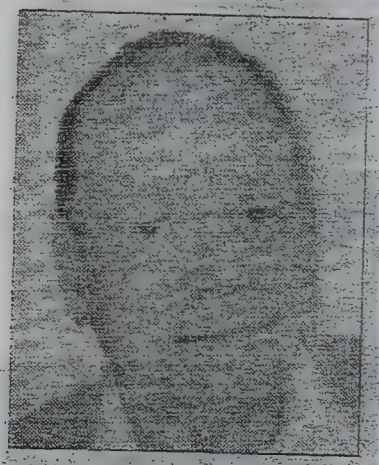
Eileen Patricia Passig

Private arrangements were made for Eileen Patricia Passig, who passed away on May 27, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

Eileen was born June 7, 1927 in Los Angeles. She had resided in the Kern River Valley since 1985 after retiring from Hughes Aircraft. She had a love for animals and was involved with the Humane Society. She was always known to rescue a cat or dog. Eileen was a loving and generous lady, a loyal and devoted wife, stepmother and friend. Her last two years were at the Burlando Assisted Living facility where she left many good friends.

Eileen is survived by Robert Passig, stepdaughter Linda Crough, two grandchildren, her best buddy Donna Clark, and her beloved dogs Mo and Sophie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Robert Edmund Gledhill Sr.

Robert Edmund Gledhill Sr. was born April 13, 1917 and died June 11, 2000. Bob was a 28-year resident of Lake Isabella. He died of natural causes at the age of 83, leaving his brother Ron, as well as his five children: Ron Gledhill, Diane Keane, Robin Gledhill, Joann Talamentes and Patty Patterson; also Ronald Kitching, deceased. He also had 14 grandchildren and a two-month-old great grandson.

In 1941, at the age of 24, he moved to Santa Monica from Cleveland to take advantage of the weather as well as the excellent job market. His engineering skills were put to use to help the war effort at Douglas Aircraft. Later, Bob owned his own business in Lomita. He then returned to engineering at Ampex Corp. in Culver City.

Bob enjoyed camping and made many trips to the Piute Mountain range and Kern River with his children. Bob enjoyed the Isabella area. He purchased property years prior to retirement and when he retired at the age of 55, he and Dolores returned to the lake. His business skills were well known in the computer disk drive industry, and the firm Storage Technology in Denver made him an offer to run their fabrication department. He signed a five-year contract. After completion of the contract, he was very happy to return to his Lake Isabella home.

Bob was an avid fisherman. He made frequent trips to Baja California and recently made trips to Alaska and two trips to South America on freight ships. He thoroughly enjoyed family parties and many times would express how important and wonderful family is and how much he appreciated family.

Those who knew Bob respected his intelligence, honesty, inner strength and engaging demeanor. People were drawn to Bob for many reasons, including his great sense of humor. He attended St. Jude Catholic Church. He was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing his books with his friends. He also enjoyed evening card games with his friends. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

Services were held on June 17, 2000 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with graveside services following at Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Phyllis Tamburro

A rosary is to be said for Phyllis Tamburro at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, and Funeral Mass will follow immediately at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights with Father Raja officiating.

Phyllis passed away on June 16, 2000 at her home in Lake Isabella. She was born in The Bronx, New York, on January 12, 1917. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 12 years.

Phyllis is survived by Albert, her husband of 53 years; niece and her husband Melinda and Don Lake of Bodfish; and brother Vincent DiMinno of Carlsbad, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Lawrence Brawley

Services were held on June 15, 2000 in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Rev. Willard Van Fossen officiating for John Brawley.

John was born April 29, 1914 to Trip and Ella Brawley in Dallas and passed away on June 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a lengthy illness.

John loved to sing and play the guitar and also liked to do some fishing until his illness four years ago.

John was also a carpenter contractor and a member of the Carpenter's Union for 50 years.

John is survived by his wife Jean; two daughters, Carol Smith of Northern California and Susan Donaldson of Hollywood; granddaughters Carol of Riverside and Michelle Young of Perris; three great grandchildren; stepson Jim Phillips and his children, Lee and Lisa; sister Louise King of Texas; and several nieces and nephews of Texas and Mexico.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Walter Monroe Morton

Funeral services were held June 27, 2000 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Walter Monroe Morton, who passed away on June 22, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Walter was born Aug. 16, 1918 in Boonville, Mississippi. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1977 after retiring from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He was a member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for many years. He enjoyed fishing, playing dominos and having his friends around. He was very active in the building of Mt. View Souther Baptist Church. He was a simple man who loved the Lord and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Chrystal of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Deborah and Shane Castle of Boulder, Colo.; daughter and son-in-law Sheri and John Casey of Brea, Calif.; granddaughter Sarah and husband Bil Downs; sister Eddie Farris of Gold Beach, Ore.; niece Debbie Lowry; and nephews Cecil Morton and Gene and Vernon Farris.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elton Ray Jordan

Elton Ray "Jack" Jordan, 78, entered eternal life on June 13, 2000 at his home in Bodfish.

Jack was born in Arkansas to his parents William and Gertrude Jordan on July 17, 1921. Jack, like so many others, gave three years to serve his country in the U.S. Army. He moved to Bodfish in 1977, where he loved to fish and be in the outdoors. Jack spent seven years working at Kern River Valley Cemetery as an operator and groundsman for our citizens.

Jack had a special closeness to all the children that knew him. That became very clear when a book full of drawings and a large signed poster from the kids who knew him was given to make his long trip home.

Jack is survived by a son Reynold Jordan of Porterville; and two sisters, Modean Bosserman of Bodfish and Juanita West of Lake Isabella.

Many thanks from the family to all who attended the services, and special thanks to Vons employees and members of the Los Vaqueros riding club. Jack will be greatly missed and was loved by all who knew him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Death Notices

• **Oliver William Kuck**, 91, of Wofford Heights, on June 22, 2000, in Lake Isabella. Services will be private. Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

• **Phyllis P. Palmer**, 81, of Bodfish, on June 26, 2000, in Bodfish. Services will be private. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

[This space provided as a service to mortuaries and funeral homes.]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2000

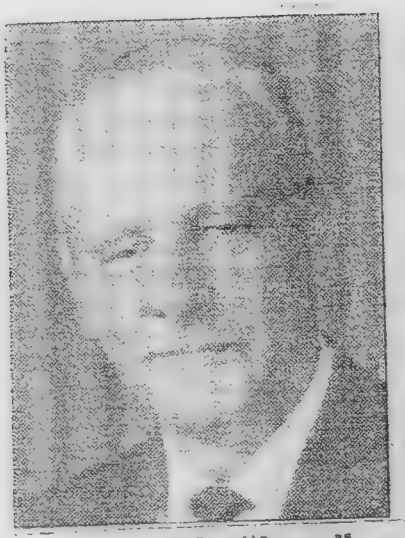
Constantine John Grutza

A Mass was said June 26, 2000 at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Constantine John Grutza, who passed away June 23, 2000 in an auto accident.

He was born June 26, 1913 in New York City. Mr. Grutza was an antique dealer for many years in Los Angeles before retiring to the Kern Valley in 1984. He enjoyed painting and he enjoyed collecting antiques and other things.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Leonard A. "Len" Dunagan

Memorial services were held for Len Dunagan on July 8, 2000 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. Len was born on July 21, 1909 and left our family on July 4, 2000.

Len was born in Atoka, Okla. and was raised in Texas. After the death of his father when he was four years old, he helped support his mother and older sister by selling candy that his mother made.

After relocating to California in the early 1920s, he met and fell in love with Dorothy, his wife of 69 years. Looking for work, they traveled to and from Texas, each trip promised with a job. Settling finally in the Glendale area, he started working with a man named Bob Wian at a 20-seat counter making hamburgers. This was the start of Bob's Big Boy and he ended up as Executive Vice President. Len and his wife started coming to the Valley area camping with several other couples and eventually bought into a local motel. Liking the area so much, they ended up retiring here in the Kern River area.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter Diana and husband Budd Fickel; son Brad and his wife Carol Dunagan; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is loved very much and will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Beverly Ann Hudspeth

Beverly Ann Hudspeth was born on Aug. 9, 1938, in Colorado and died June 30, 2000 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield due to a brain aneurysm. Beverly was a resident of the Kern River Valley for about 11 years.

She is survived by her loving sons, Curt Hudspeth and Dean Hudspeth and their families. She is also survived by her parents, Raymond and Virgie Hafdell, and her brother Howard Hafdell and his family.

A memorial will be held in her honor on July 15, 2000, at 11 a.m. in Riverside Park in Kernville.

Mom will be greatly missed and cherished in all our hearts forever!

Oliver "Mike" Kuck

Oliver "Mike" Kuck died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of June 22 at the age of 91. His death certificate reads "respiratory failure." His everlasting life certificate reads "joyful spirit."

He had a special spirit and mind destined not for the rare achievement measured by wealth and fame, but for the rarest achievement measured by joy and love. Family love was most dear to him. He was a loving and loyal husband of 57 years to his wife, Virginia. He was a loving and great father to his four children—daughters Beverly, Cheryl and Carole and son Fritz. And he was a loving and proud grandfather to Andrew, son of Fritz and his wife Ann. He will also be remembered as a good friend to the boating and fishing community of Lake Isabella.

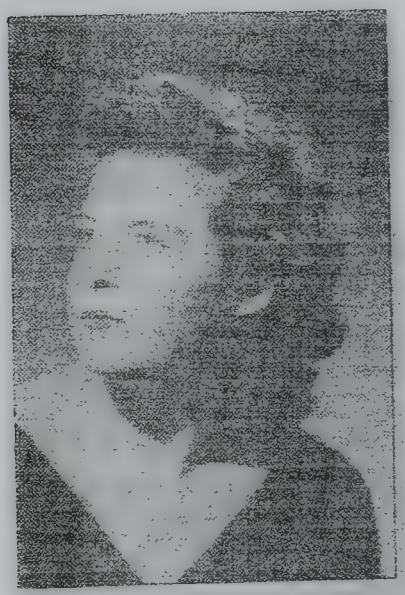
Oliver Kuck walked a happy road and a good one, taking bumps along the way with a glad heart and sense of humor. To know him was to know much laughter and joyful play. He enjoyed the simple joys of life— a good meal, a good joke, a good song, a good day's work, a good conversation, and a good night's sleep. He enjoyed just passing time.

With an outstretched hand for every friend and stranger, he'd talk to anyone who'd listen to his stories and lend a hand to anyone in need. He never celebrated another man's bad luck. He never cursed his aging ways and never objected to living one more year. Yet, when his body gave out, he was ready to pass on. Until then, he never said that life wasn't worth the work. He never put on airs for anyone or took more credit than he was due. When his dreams came true and his prayers were answered, he made new dreams and was grateful.

He passed from this life content and at peace, in his final days. Oliver recovered the feel and memory of past decades with his wife, and together they embraced the love and comfort of present days with their children. When the angels welcomed him home, they surely must have given him a place to stay and slumber, a friend to fish and hunt with, and dog to hold in his lap, a good song to tap his foot to, a few folks to laugh and joke around with, and a dish full of ice cream.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000



Maria Johnston

Memorial services were held for Maria Johnston on June 30, 2000 at Full Gospel Lighthouse in Wofford Heights.

Maria Johnston was born in San Diego Sept. 26, 1924 and passed away on June 28, 2000. She lived in the Kern Valley 24-1/2 years.

Maria enjoyed life very much. She and her husband, Rusty, spent many years in the ministry. She enjoyed teaching young people's classes and junior classes. She was a beautiful altar worker. She always said good things about everyone she met.

She left her loving husband (Rusty) Heyden L. Johnston; sons Carl King Jr., Russell Wayne Johnston (Tiny) and Randy Lee Johnston; daughters Nellie Marie Hudson and Brenda Pendleton; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many, many church friends and friends from all over (East Coast to the West).

She is missed very much by her family and friends. She was laid to rest at La Vista Memorial Park, 3191 Orange St., National City, Calif. The Rev. Franklin Davis from the Full Gospel Lighthouse officiated the services

"Now I Am Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss

Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, a a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief.

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me

The hope of us all, to be set free!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000

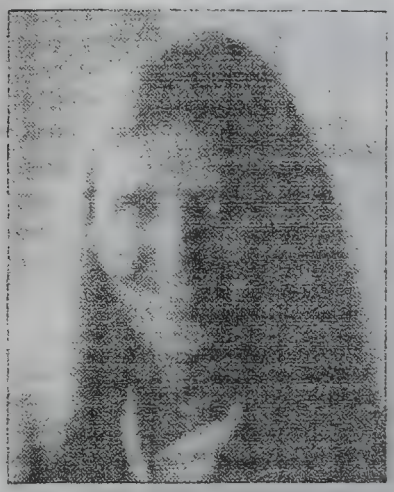
Remembering George M. Ferrans 1971-1999

George was killed on the Kern River July 19, 1999, during a whitewater rafting "safety adventure float."

He did not die of a heart attack as previously reported.

We love and miss you, George. "You were the wind beneath our wings."

Love,
Dad & Mom,
Sam & Kumiko
Family & Friends



Cynthia L. Corlew

A memorial/Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m. July 28, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella for Cynthia (Cindy) Lynn Corlew. This celebration will be open to friends and relatives.

Cindy was born Sept. 25, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio to Richard and Betty Irwin. She spent her early years in Simi Valley and Santa Maria, Calif. and she lived and worked for many years in Cocoa Beach, Fla. At age 17 she applied for was hired for a clerk's position in the medical records department at Cape Canaveral Hospital in Florida. Over the next two decades Cindy's career as an Accredited Medical Records Technician soared and led to positions as department head, with numerous employees in her charge at two of the three major hospitals in Santa Maria. She also operated her own transcription service for many years.

Cindy met her husband, J.C. Corlew, in 1972 when they both lived in Cocoa Beach. Cindy moved to California with her parents late that year and J.C. headed west the following spring. They were married in Santa Maria on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1978. They were blessed with their only child, Shawn Paul Corlew, on June 20, 1985.

Cindy and her husband were involved in efforts that eventually led to the closing down of one of the most dangerous toxic waste dumps in Central California.

Cindy battled kidney disease for a long period of time. She received an unusual and experimental kidney transplant involving two donated organs from a child donor...she called them "faith and hope." This transplant was performed at St. Jude Hospital in Los Angeles shortly after she and her family moved to the Lake Isabella area in 1988.

She was considered a medical miracle because of extraordinary circumstances that surrounded her kidney transplant. With the help of her esteemed nephrologist, Dr. Baer, in Bakersfield, eventually she was able to discontinue most anti-rejection medications and lived a relatively normal life for many years. Her most recent illness began about two years ago and was a result of a severe infection of her gall bladder and an aneurysm which was detected by her surgeon (not Dr. Baer) but was left untreated.

Cindy spent eleven agonizing months in the hospital, five of those in critical condition because of that episode. She "coded" several times, only to come back to tell her family about her extraordinary visits to the "other side." She inspired many people with her incredible will to live. After months at a convalescent facility she was allowed to return home in Oct. 1999. She was bedridden and suffered much during that period and she was comforted and cared for by her husband and son. Cindy was only 49 years old.

Cindy passed on peacefully in her sleep at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Her beloved parents, who both passed away in recent years, preceded her in death. Ironically, her day of passing, on July 20, would have been her father's 74th birthday. They were very close and one cannot help but wonder at the timing. She is reunited with her parents now.

Cindy was a devoted mother and loving wife. She was dedicated to her family like few in this world are. She was a kind, spiritual and compassionate person who touched the lives of virtually everyone who ever had the honor to meet her. That compassion and concern for others was evident until the very end. As her husband was feeding her what was to be her last meal, she stopped him. With a look of concern, she asked the nurse (who had just entered the room), "aren't you going to have something to eat too?" That was typical of Cindy, always worried about others even in the most challenging moments of her own life.

Cindy will be missed dearly by those she leaves behind. She was a beacon of light and an inspiration to many and a fighter until the very end. She is survived by her husband and best friend of 22 years, J.C. Corlew, and her cherished son, Shawn, as well as her brother (and his family) Ron Irwin and numerous friends and distant relatives.

In accord with her wishes, the family will host a celebration of her life at Valley Mortuary, 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, at 1 p.m. on July 28, 2000. It will be followed by a brief interment ceremony at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. For those who wish to do so, a donation in Cindy's name may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or to the Heart House at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Flowers, while welcome, are not expected.

Cindy was an extraordinary person, a spiritual and loving believer in the One Power that is *all-that-is*. Though she departed this earthly plane, we know from her previous descriptions that she lives on, free of pain and suffering, in an environment of love and non-judgmental acceptance. We also know that she is in a better place, comforted by her departed loved ones and surrounded by the angels she so adored. The sweetness of her soul will comfort her friends and loved ones as it nourishes us all with her loving memory. May she rest in peace.

Zelda Louise Merrell

Graveside services were held July 24, 2000 at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield for Zelda Louise Merrell, who passed away July 19, 2000 at her home in Bodfish.

Zelda and her husband of 56 years, Hubert, who preceded her in death in 1984, moved to the Kern Valley 28 years ago. Both were very active members of the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella, and then later, the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Zelda taught Sunday School for several years.

Zelda was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 17, 1909 and went to join her husband with the Lord on July 19, 2000, at the age of 91.

She is survived by her son, William (Bill) Merrell and his wife, Jeanne, of Bodfish; grandson Tom Holcomb and his wife Tammy of Bodfish; grandson Steve Ruley of Henderson, Nev.; grandson Richard Ruley of Northern California; granddaughter Kelly Holcomb and fiance Bryan Folstad of Lake Isabella; Kim Aguilar and her husband Joe of Canoga Park; and granddaughter Linda Kaman and husband Doug of Clyde, Ohio. Zelda also had 13 great-grandchildren— Michael, Steven, David, Nick, Aaron, William Thomas, Lori Ann, Elizabeth, Jessica, Kelsey, Debbie, Cassidy and Holly. She also had one great-great-granddaughter, Karlie Ann.

Zelda was a wonderful lady who cared about everyone, including her special friends and home health caregivers Maxine Coughran and Charmaine McFarlane, who loved and cared for her like family at her home for the past six years. Thanks so much, ladies.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. And we as family feel blessed that part of those 91 years were shared with us.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Anthony Seberger

Services were held for Robert Anthony Seberger, 70, who passed away July 15, 2000 in Lake Isabella. Robert worked for China Lake Naval Weapons Center for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Seberger, of Weldon; sons Steven and Mark Newman; daughters Kathleen Dichirico and Patricia Furnari; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Frank Charles Bardoel

Frank Bardoel was born to Memi and Emma Bardoel, who came to this country from Belgium. Frank was born in Sept. 27, 1917 in Moline, Ill. Frank entered eternal rest in Bakersfield on July 17, 2000, at 82 years of age. His family was at his side. He lived a full and rewarding life being married to his wife Joyce for 55 years.

Frank served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, holding the rank of First Sergeant. he was an avid fisherman and golfer and a member of the Kern Valley Golf Club for many years. He was also a masterful storyteller who could entertain an audience for hours.

Frank is survived by his wife, Jayne Bardoel, of Bodfish; son Roger Bardoel of Panama City, Fla.; daughter Michelle Berg of Moorpark; granddaughter Stephanie Bardoel, and a great-granddaughter, Alexis Bell.

Preceding him in death were his sisters, Loraine Aitken and Adrienne Kozikowski, both of Moline, Ill.

Frank will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2000

Lonnie Maxwell

Born in Jefferson, Texas, Aug. 25, 1921, Lonnie Maxwell passed away July 18, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Lonnie served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1952. He lived in Oklahoma most of his life. He also lived in Minnesota for several years, where he ran a dairy farm. He moved to Lake Isabella in November 1999 to be closer to his children. Lonnie loved to buy and sell antiques. He spent the last ten years running a booth at a swap meet in Edmond, Okla. He also sold "Maxwell Minnesota Honey." He was called "The Honey Man."

He is survived by his sister, Odie Oneal of Edmond, Okla.; daughters Carrie Pedroza, Teressa Williams and Tawanna Cecil of Lake Isabella; sons Virgil Maxwell of Oregon, Craig Maxwell and his wife Sheila of Lake Isabella and stepson Keith Peterson of Tulsa, Okla.; sons-in-law Keith Williams and Mike Cecil; and many grandchildren, family and loved ones. He will be greatly missed by all.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Leah Mary Ashworth

Leah Mary Ashworth, 81, died July 13, 2000, at her home in Weldon.

She was born October 8, 1918, to John and Josephine Middendorf in Covington, Ky. She married Jack Ashworth in 1969. Jack died Nov. 11, 1997.

Leah is survived by two sons, Michael Patrick Filben (and his wife Diane) and Tom Filben; and two stepdaughters, Carolyn Correa (and her husband John) and Marcia Gann (and her husband Robert). Leah also leaves behind seven grandchildren, whom she adored.

Leah especially loved camping with her husband and their friends throughout the southwestern United States. Leah was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society and the Grandmothers Club.

Rosary-Mass was said July 21, 2000 at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights, followed by graveside dedication at Kern Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2000

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Frank will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

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Martha Ann McDaniel

Memorial services were held on July 26, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Martha Ann McDaniel. Pastor Eric Malamma officiated. She passed away on July 21, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Martha was born on July 28, 1939 in Los Angeles. On Dec. 17, 1960 she married Luther and they had 40 wonderful years together. Martha moved here in 1996 from Gardena to be closer to her family.

Martha is survived by her husband, Luther, of Weldon; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Cynthia McDaniel of Mountain Mesa; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Ruth Von Zell of Yucca Valley; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Earl Herndon of Southern California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Clarence and Shirley McDaniel of Vacaville; brother-in-law Dale Brister of Turlock; and several nieces and nephews; along with all her church family at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ralph Earl Horton

Services were held for Ralph Earl Horton, 79, who passed away on July 21, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Ralph was born on Dec. 16, 1920 in Missouri. He was in the military and served his country honorably. He retired from Rockwell International after a career as an engineer. He lived in Kern County for 17 years.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Lucille; two daughters, Linda Mattson and Sandy Gude; three great-grandchildren, Shari, Wendy and Angela; and two great-great grandchildren, Matthew and Cameron.

Arrangements by Kern River Family Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Steven Kyle Tumey

A memorial service will be held today, Aug. 2, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church for Steven Kyle Tumey, 14, who passed away July 27, 2000.

Kyle was born June 11, 1986 in Artesia, N.M. He was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Carol Tumey; his father, Walter Tumey; brother, Dwayne Tumey; half-brothers, Walter and Bobby Tumey; step-sister, Anna Marie Johnston; step-brother Vergle Wayne Sandy; grandmother Florence Standard; many other relatives in Texas; and all his friends in the Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

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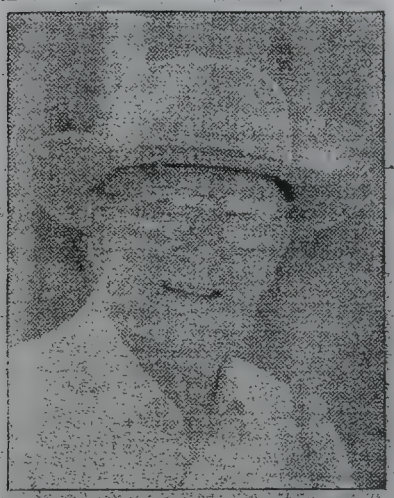
Arthur "Jerry" Swift, 63, of Squirrel Valley. Service at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. Arrangments by Valley Mortuary.



Hal J. ("Happy") Close

Memorial services were held for Hap Close on Aug. 15, 2000 at the Kern River Valley S.D.A. Church in Lake Isabella.

Hap was born on Nov. 21, 1905 in New Ulm, Minn. At the age of 94, Hap passed away after a brief illness on Aug. 11, 2000.

As a young child, his family homesteaded near Walsenburg, Colo., and as a teenager he worked for one of the largest sheep ranches in the area. He helped build the Moffet Tunnel in Colorado, and at the age of 20, he boarded a train in Denver and headed to California.

He arrived in the Sacramento Valley and obtained work in Sutter County. There he met the woman who would become his wife. Four years later, in 1936, Claire Seufert would become Mrs. Hal Jay Close. They packed up their few belongings and drove to Los Angeles, where they stayed with his brother Hollis, until Hap could find work. He worked as a butcher, on the slaughter floor, for Swift Meat Packing in Los Angeles. But his fondest dream would be realized when he obtained a job as Locomotive Fireman for the Southern Pacific Railroad. In the steam engine era, men worked 16 hour days in tremendous heat. There were no computers in those days, and men had to use their brains and brawn.

In 1943, Hap and Clare purchased property in Havilah. It had an old miner's cabin on the property, which they used as a mountain vacation home. He hunted and fished the area, hiked and thoroughly enjoyed this mountain retreat. He became a friend with many of the old time gold miners of the area, who related their real life experiences to him. He, in turn, has passed on those California gold mining stories.

In the early '60s he and his family built a permanent residence on the Havilah property. He was promoted to Locomotive Engineer and became the senior engineer on the San Joaquin division before his retirement in 1972.

After retiring, Hap and Clare made Havilah their permanent home. Hap made many friends through the years in the area, and later became honorary mayor of the Havilah Township. During his retirement years he volunteered in the community, and as a deacon of the S.D.A. church in Lake Isabella. He served as Chaplain for the Kern Valley Hospital. He was a loving husband and father.

His wife of 64 years, Clare, and his daughters, Barbra, Halie, Carol and son Jay, and 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive him. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Thomas Lloyd Johnson

Thomas Lloyd Johnson, 81, of Kernville, passed away on Aug. 13, 2000.

Tom Johnson was a man of wisdom, integrity and compassion.

Tom was born June 28, 1920 in Lincoln, Neb. He was a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley. He was employed by Ewing's on the Kern and later retired from the Kern Valley Golf Course. Along with his love for golf he was an active member of the Elks Lodge and an Exalted Ruler.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Sandy Price of Ventura and Carol Zscherning of Ventura; and sons Brett Johnson of Bakersfield and Thomas Johnson Jr. of Anniston, Ala. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren Shannon Cruz, Jason Zscherning, Erin Zscherning; great-grandchild Kyle Zscherning; and his best friend, Birdy.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 26 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2000

Ruth Arlene Ginter

The heartbroken family of this beautiful and wonderful lady sends with her their love on the glorious journey she has undertaken: son Don (wife: Dee) Ginter of Chino Hills; daughter Mary Ann Hackett of Lake Isabella; grandson Greg (wife: Marypat) Hackett of San Diego; grandson Jeff (wife: Bonnie) Ginter of Downey; grandson Sean (wife: Patricia) Hackett of Grant's Pass, Ore.; granddaughter Tracy Ginter (significant other: Mike Callahan) of Bellflower; an extended family granddaughter Valerie (husband Robert, son Brandon) Kovach, great-grandsons Cory Hackett of San Diego, Jared Ginter of Downey, Jeremy Ercse of Lakewood and Isaac Hackett (and sibling due in March) of Grant's Pass; sister Marian Hildreth of Parker, Ind.; brothers-in-law Noel (wife: Jessie) Foreman of Greentown, Ind. and Charles (wife: Katie) Foreman of Hawaii; and a host of relatives and friends. "Fly slowly, Angel, for it's so hard to let you go." A Remembrance Gathering was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella on Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. Celebrants were invited to Ruth's daughter's home following the services.

Ruth passed into God's arms on Aug. 11, 2000 after a hard-fought battle with mestastasized breast cancer. She walked a happy but bumpy road (especially the last five years) with a glad heart and a sense of humor even after being diagnosed with her terminal illness. Following open-heart surgery in 1995, Ruth suffered breast cancer in 1997. The breast cancer was found to have mestastasized to her bones and vital organs after she fractured her pelvis in September 1999 while bowling. She was a fighter and she battled it all with everything she had. When her body became wracked with pain and she could no longer function, she was ready to go home. We know God must have welcomed her home at the Pearly Gates with video poker games, slot machines, prearranged Bingo games, a bowling alley and a lake filled with big fish. These were her favorite pastimes along with traveling and gambling.

Born at Fawn River Township in St. Joseph County, Mich. on Jan. 9, 1921 to Earl and Jesse (Kauffman) Hobbs, Ruth married Lee Donald Ginter on May 16, 1942 in Redkey, Ind. where they made their home until moving to Bell, Calif. in 1957. While living in Indiana, Ruth worked at Ball Glass in Dunkirk, Ind., and following their move to California she worked at Maywood Glass in Maywood.

Ruth moved to Lake Isabella in April 1966 and she and Lee bought the Palace Ranch trailer park in June 1966. She was active in the Lake Isabella Homeowner's Association serving as Secretary for a time. They square danced and made many lifelong friends in the Dam Dancers. They sold the trailer park in 1975 and moved across the road where Ruth lived out her days. Following the death of Lee in 1984, Ruth became active with the Seniors Bowling League at Mt. Mesa Lanes, played Bingo on Wednesdays at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella as well as the South Fork Woman's Club in Onyx, traveled and especially loved trips to Laughlin and Yerington, Nev., and Eagle Mountain Casino near Porterville (we went there one last time three weeks before she passed on) and volunteered at the Senior Center. She was a very loving, strong, spirited and caring woman—she always took care of others and did for others, never asking for anything in return. Ruth was such an inspiration but we know she is in a better place, comforted by other departed loved ones and surrounded by the Angels who were with her and watched over her while she was on this earth but especially during her open heart surgery.

Ruth is preceded in death by her brothers, Donald Lee Hobbs, Paul Leroy Earl Hobbs and Gerald Raymond Hobbs; and sisters Frances Marcelle Hobbs Conger, Betty Hobbs Murrell and Greta Lucile Hobbs Hart.

Ruth never did put on airs or take credit for the many wonderful giving things she did throughout her life. Her favorite saying was, "We're just plain simple country folks."

Lake Isabella Funeral Home handled the memorial service arrangements.

Weldon Lee Sharr

Weldon Sharr passed away peacefully in his sleep August 25, 2000 with his family and friends by his side. A graveside service will be held Aug. 31, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating will be Richard Grove and the VFW Post No. 7665. He is survived by his son, Weldon T. Sharr and his wife, Laurie.

He is survived by five sisters: Lona Vurpillat, Mary Birkenholz, Bonnie Fleming, Corda Lambley and Becky Allard; and numerous nieces and nephews who all live in the Midwest. His wife, Betty Thompson, preceded him in death in July 1985.

Weldon was a staff sergeant in WWII in the United States Army, where he served five years in the Pacific Theater in charge of a 155mm artillery piece. He lived in the Kern Valley since the 1930s and worked as a cowboy and rancher most of that time. He spent most of his waking hours on horseback and taking care of his family. He loved the outdoors and he loved being a cowboy. His neighbors all knew him as a loving, caring man, who never said no to someone in need. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank Karl Biederman

Frank Karl Biederman, 90, of Port Austin, Mich., died Aug. 6, 2000 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, Mich.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1910 in Watertown, N.Y., the son of the late Herman and Mary (Jackarh) Biederman.

Mr. Biederman was a member of the Kern Valley Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team in California, and the Isabella Moose Lodge. He was also an avid ballroom dancer, liked to fish and hunt, and enjoyed all sports.

He is survived by one son, Wayne Biederman of Port Austin, five grandchildren, Karen Caiozzo, John Biederman, Lori Antonelli, Cheryl Chaben and Bridget Soldan; eight great-grandchildren, Steven, Nicholas, Dallas, Vinnie, David, Alex, Emily and Andrew; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Biederman; two nephews, Robert Hoherd and Kenneth Biederman; and a niece, Carol Hanson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie; one son, Gary Biederman; one brother, John Biederman; and four sisters, Sally, Bertha, Peggy and Kitty.

Funeral services were Aug. 8, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde, Mich. Officiating was Rev. Robert Garrett. Burial took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Aug. 14, next to his beloved wife, Nellie.

Wednesday, August 30, 2000

Jewell Schwartz

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A WWII widow with infant twins, she married and another son was born. One twin died of cancer as a toddler. After moving to Michigan and divorcing, Jewell met and married Harold Schwartz, creating a blended family with eight children. They moved their family to California where she worked in the garment industry. They enjoyed fishing trips to Catalina Island on their cabin cruiser.

After enduring experimental cancer therapy, her health forced her into medical retirement. They moved to Weldon in the early '70s, bringing Jewell's semi-invalid aunt with them, providing loving care in her last years. She loved gardening and canning, sewing, crafts and hobbies, and spending time with family and friends.

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A fall in early 1999 began a series of health setbacks. She spent her last year convalescing at the California Care Center in Bakersfield, where she was well-loved by the staff. She was surrounded in her final week by a band of angels and a loving circle of family who journeyed with her to the gates of Heaven.

Jewell is survived by her husband of 40 years, Harold Schwartz; son Jack Bright and his family; daughter-in-law Patricia Lawson and family; step-children Lee, David, Dennis and Catherine Schwartz, and Sally Smith and families; and a brother, Roy.

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Robert Andrew Nelson

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville Methodist Church in Kernville. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter.

Mr. Nelson was born June 14, 1932 in Wilton, North Dakota and went to be with the Lord on Sept. 1, 2000. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. He retired from China Lake Naval Weapons Center after 15 years.

In his younger years he flew with the Flying Tigers and also flew fire retardant bombers. He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He was very active in the Exchange Club and was known as Colonel Bob. He was the area King of the TOPS club. He enjoyed fellowship with his friends at the Kernville Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marlene; son and daughter-in-law Mike and Teri Nelson; sons Jeff and Wes Nelson; daughter Kelly Roberts; five grandchildren; brother Wirt Nelson; and sister Jean Fort.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kernville United Methodist Church for the Walk of Emmaus.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Diane Martin Drake

Diane Martin Drake passed away in August 2000 at the age of 49.

She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Drake of Lake Isabella; mother Terry Fuller of Hornbrook, Calif.; daughter Latanya Payton of Fairfield, Calif., and grandchildren Latanya Donoldson, Maurice Bass and Jesica Mims, all of Fairfield.

Don't think of her as gone away, her journey's just begun,

Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears,

In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing that we could know today,

How nothing but our sadness could really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched,

For nothing is ever lost, and she was loved so very much.

James Harper

James W.C. "Jamie" Harper, 26, late of Chico, Calif., met his untimely death in a drowning accident at Oroville Lake on Aug. 26, 2000.

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Sept. 16th at 11 a.m. at St Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights.

Jamie attended Woodrow Wallace Elementary School. While attending Barstow College he played baseball. He completed his education at Chico State University where he was a member of the 1997 Chico State NCAA Division II Baseball Championship team.

Jamie will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends and acqaintances.

Jamie is survived by his parents, Frank Villani-Harper of San Francisco, Barbara Perham and husband Richard of Lake Isabella, sister Michelle Villani-Harper, brother Frank Harper, Jr., his wife Kimberly and their children, Kenny, Conagher and Francesca; half-brother Richard Harper and children Bonnie and Melinda; half-sister Laurie Harper Oswald, husband Dale and their children, Jeffrey, Scottie, Bradley, Ashley and Corey. Jamie was preceded in death by his sister Lisa Harper Vaughn.

Memorial donations can be made to the James "Jamie" Harper Memorial Fund, Bank of America, Lake Isabella.

Vivian R. Shaub

A memorial service will be held September 13, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Vivian R. Shaub.

Mrs. Shaub was born Dec. 19, 1909 in Grant, Neb., and passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years. She enjoyed doing crafts and crocheting.

Vivian is survived by her husband of 68 years, Anton; daughter and son-in-law Betty and Charles Chambers of Weldon, son Jerry Shaub of Lake Isabella; daughter Toni Denny of Moorpark; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and her Kimmie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kathleen "Katie" Jacobs

Kathleen "Katie" Jacobs, wife of Earl Jacobs, passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 in their home at the Hi Ho Mobile Home Park in Kernville.

Katie had been suffering from the early signs of dementia, which were intensified when she had a major stroke on March 8.

She spent two months in a nursing home in Bakersfield and was then brought home for in-house care. She was doing fairly well until she suffered two minor tias (mini-strokes), which ultimately ended her life.

Katie is survived by Earl, her husband of 54 years; two brothers, Herb and Lewis Howard; and her nieces, Georgia Sprick, Janet Vining, Susan Cole, and a nephew, Chris Howard.

Katie was born on July 7, 1916 in Winona, Miss. She came to California with her parents in the early 1940s and they settled in Glendale. Katie was the head hostess at the Van De Kamp's restaurant on the corner of Los Feliz and San Fernando Road in Glendale for five years. She and Earl married on May 31, 1947.

Katie was a quiet, loving, caring woman who spent much of her life doing for others. When she made a friend, it was for life. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be held to honor Katie's life on Sept. 27, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Kernville. Pastor Dick Lewis and longtime friend Shirley Beaman will conduct the service.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Juanita Coones

Graveside services were held on Sept. 15 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Juanita Coones. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Coones was born Nov. 11, 1919 in Oklahoma City, Okla. and passed away on Sept. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She enjoyed crocheting and making dolls and other things for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in 1980. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Paul and Dorothy Coones of Washington; daughter Paulette and Earnie Richardson of San Leandro; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Ronald Padgett of Littleton, Colo.; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Nancy Coones of Salt Lake City; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary.

Raymond Clarence Leighton Jr.

Raymond Clarence Leighton Jr. was born to Raymond Sr. and Helena Leighton on May 5, 1935 in East Port, Maine. Between the Air Force and the Marines, Raymond spent 24 years serving his country. He retired in 1976.

He was an active member of the Elks and the Kern Valley Golf Club. Raymond's greatest love was for his wife, Fern, and his family. His love for golf and fishing made him tell many stories and it became a toss-up as to which stories were the best. Another hobby he had was that of woodworking, which he really enjoyed.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Fern, of Lake Isabella; sons Michael Palmer of Kernville and Stephen Palmer of Rome, N.Y.; daughters Debi Schrader of Salina, Kan., Hope Wilkins of Chesapeake, Va. and Darla Sanderson of Red Bluff, Ca.; brothers Robert Leighton of Warren, Ohio and Dale Leighton of Waldoboro, Maine; sisters Virginia Ritchie of Perry, Maine and Janet Kinnard of Lake Isabella; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Lenore O. Zeigler

Lenore Zeigler was born on Apr. 22, 1922, in the town of Dillonvale, Ohio. Her parents, Alphonse and Marie, were both from Belgium.

Lenore was married to Wesley Earl Zeigler for 25 years. She spent her working years at Douglas Aircraft for over 14 years.

Lenore and family moved to the Kern Valley more than 21 years ago. She entered eternal life on Sept. 13, 2000 at her home in Weldon at the age of 78.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Walter J. Stiles

Private family services have taken place for Walter J. Stiles, a 30-year resident of Wofford Heights. Mr. Stiles was born June 29, 1925 in Indiana and entered into eternal rest Sept. 13, 2000 while traveling through Inyo County at the Coso Junction rest area.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Stiles of Wofford Heights; sons Larry Stiles of Victorville and Randy Stiles of Kearns, Utah; five grandchildren; and a brother, Kenneth Stiles, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Stiles was preceded in death by his son, Philip Stiles.

Cremation was under the direction of Owens Valley Mortuary of Lone Pine. Inurnment will take place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Jerry Ray McNeal

Jerry Ray McNeal, beloved father of Jill and Danny McNeal, passed away in Cypress in the Los Angeles area.

Jerry was the brother of Sherry Moore, who predeceased him, and Michael and Clyde Dennis McKelvie.

Memorial visitation was Sept. 15 at Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cypress. Memorial service was on Sept. 16 at the Church of our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress.

Arrangements by Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries.

Vivian R. Schaub

A memorial service will be held September 13, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Vivian R. Schaub.

Mrs. Schaub was born Dec. 19, 1909 in Grant, Neb., and passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years. She enjoyed doing crafts and crocheting.

Vivian is survived by her husband of 68 years, Anton; daughter and son-in-law Betty and Charles Chambers of Weldon; son Jerry Schaub of Lake Isabella; daughter Toni Denny of Moorpark; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and her Kimmie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Ann Bell Dunham

Graveside services were held Sept. 26, 2000 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Ann Bell Dunham, who went to be with her Lord on Sept. 20 after a long illness. Her grandson, Pastor Steven R. Smedley of the Trinity Life Chapel in Bakersfield, officiated at her service.

Mrs. Dunham was born on July 8, 1917 in Gore, Okla. and spent many years in the Los Angeles area where she worked in the printing business before retiring. She then moved to the Kern River Valley where she lived for 38 years.

She loved to fish and garden and sew. She and her husband Robert were members of the Moose before their illnesses kept them from going.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in Feb. 1998. She is survived by her son James Potter of Fort Worth, Texas; her daughter Shirley Pace of Bodfish; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Jerry "Who" McNeal

Jerry McNeal passed away on Sept. 11, 2000 in Canoga Park of cancer.

Jerry was born in Rock Island, Ill. on Nov. 25, 1935. He was married to Betty McNeal, a longtime resident of Wofford Heights, and then he moved to Wofford Heights in 1980.

Jerry was the brother of Sherry Moore, who predeceased him. He leaves a daughter, Jill McNeal; son Danny McNeal; stepdaughter Tawnya Marcum Trunnell; two stepsons, Michael Maggard and Rick Maggard; four stepgrandchildren; and two brothers, Michael and Dennis McKelvie.

Memorial services were Sept. 16 at the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress, Calif.

He is loved and will be missed.

Robert William Wilson

Robert William Wilson of Bodfish, 78, passed away Sept. 20, 2000 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa. Robert was 78 years old and is survived by his loving wife, Betty, sons Robert Jr. and Roger, and grandson Scott.

Robert was born in Georgia and moved to Ohio where he met and married Betty. Within six months, he was a soldier fighting for his country in WWII. Robert was not to see Betty for four long years as he fought in Europe, being awarded the silver and bronze medals for gallantry in action, and the Purple Heart for being wounded twice in action.

A war's end, Robert returned for his Betty and his calling of raising and supporting a family. A quiet, good and strong man, he will be missed.

The family wishes to thank all of the kind and caring professionals at Kern Valley Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility, who cared for Robert in his last days and also for the support and love of friends Joseph and Norma DeSues.

Robert will be interred at the San Joaquin Valley Veterans Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Arrangements made by the Bonewelt Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Clomer Vida Woosley

Clomer Vida Woosley passed away on Sept. 16, 2000.

She was born on May 13, 1909 in England, Ark., to her parents, Clyde Vernon Griffin and Almedia Beard-Griffin. During WWII, Clomer proudly served her country in the private sector. Working for Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach as a welder, she earned herself a somewhat singular distinction as one of America's "Rosie the Riveters" of that era. She continued to work at Douglas Aircraft throughout WWII and through the Korean Conflict. After 17 years of service, Clomer retired, eventually retired, eventually moving on to the Kern River Valley area and settling down in Kernville.

Once here, she began focusing on the truly important parts of her life, her family and her puppy dogs. Clomer received great joy from spending time and developing bonds with her family and especially her grandchildren. She also had tremendous love for her puppy dogs she raised throughout the years. Her active involvement with her family and friends kept her healthy throughout the years, seldom becoming ill or needing medical attention. But, as all things do, her life-long good health came to an end. Clomer fell ill and passed away.

Graveside services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary in Whittier, on Sept. 22. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Clomer Vida Woosley is survived by her daughter-in-law Marie Lyons of Riverkern; niece Frances (Betsy) Fulton of Falls Church, Va.; nephew Cleve Griffin; grandson Tag Lyons and his wife Robin of Greenhorn Mountain; great-grandchildren Amie, Ashlie, Jake, Jess and Abie of Greenhorn Mountain; and several other members of her family and friends.

Clomer was preceded in death by stepson Clifford D. Lyons in 1996.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake

Jeanne Mildred Bruckman

Jeanne Mildred Bruckman passed away on Sept. 20, 2000 and went home to be with her maker.

Jeanne entered life on Oct. 8, 1926 in the township of Ashtabula, Ohio. Born to her parents Clarence and Lee, Jeanne was raised with strong Midwest values and an unwavering faith in family that she would soon pass on to her own family.

Jeanne remained in Ashtabula until 1955. She then moved to Los Angeles, retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1985. During her years, Jeanne worked in several different and diverse fields such as interior decoration and direct sales. But for a good portion of her career, she found herself heading up sales of the phone book's yellow pages.

Throughout the years, Jeanne raised a wonderful family, traveled to Germany twice, and made many friends. In retirement, she still couldn't settle down, so she went back to work as a volunteer for the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary. In her spare time, she loved to spoil her grandchildren and all of her family's pets. More than anything, Jeanne loved spending time with her family. But as full of life through the years as she was, Jeanne fell ill.

Memorial services were held on Sept. 23 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Many family and friends attended. Jeanne will be missed by all, but will not be forgotten.

Jeanne is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Chase of Little Rock, Calif. and Charon Ritter of Lake Isabella; two sons-in-law, Steve Chase of Little Rock and Bruce Ritter of Lake Isabella; five grandchildren, Julie Ritter, Robin Wyatt, Kathy Ritter, David Chase and James Chase; and 11 great-grandchildren. We love you Mom.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Leroy Nelson

Memorial services for Robert Leroy Nelson were held on Sept. 23 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Robert passed away on Sept. 19, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1927 in Pasadena. His parents, Ray and Veronica Nelson, encouraged him to brace the outdoors. Early in life, Robert's love of boating, fishing and the outdoors grew. He always enjoyed being outside, which even included his job as a builder in the construction field for over 50 years.

During his years here with us, Robert raised his family and was a loving father and grandfather. Soon, he took on a new hobby of building things around the house with brick and stone. He loved working with his hands all his life. Robert passed his interests on to his family along with all of his love for them. We will feel the loss of our dad for a long, long time, but we will never forget him. We love you Dad.

Robert is survived by three sons, Michael, John and Chuck; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother Jim Nelson; five sisters, Mary, Dot, Betty, Peggy and Nancy; and his fiancee Edna.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday, October 4, 2000

Patricia Joyce Humphrey-Smith

A memorial service was held Sept. 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge for Patricia Joyce Humphrey-Smith. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Patricia was born on Dec. 28, 1934 in Los Angeles and passed away on Sept. 22, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, the Moose Lodge, the Eagles Lodge and was the captain of the Eagles Drill Team. She enjoyed crocheting dolls and all kinds of crafts. She loved family gatherings and enjoyed decorating for the holidays. Her best friend was her mother Rose. They were inseparable.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Smith of Weldon; her mother, Rose Huff and husband Jim of Wofford Heights; daughters Debra Jackson and Anthony of La Pine, Ore., and Vickie Ludwig of Bend, Ore.; sons Frank McBride and wife Peggy of Lake Isabella, and Bond Hanson and wife Sheri of Cincinnati; stepson Robert Humphrey of Bakersfield; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Brett Halsey of Toronto, Gordon Hand of Weldon and Doug Hand of Laguna Beach.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ernest Eldon Sorrick

Private arrangements were made for Ernest Eldon Sorrick, who passed away Sept. 28, 2000 in Panorama City.

Ernest was born on March 16, 1922, in San Pedro. He was a roofer for 20 years in California before retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1975. He enjoyed doing upholstery work and was greatly loved by his family.

He is survived by his daughters Sandra Feldman of Weldon, Janice Bennett of San Marcos, Shirley Floody of Florida, Jeanie Henry of Oregon, and Barbara Ruffner of Colorado, son Mike Currie of New Jersey; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Norma Jane Dyess

Norma Jane Dyess, 86, passed away Sept. 28, 2000, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

She was born in Corning, Ark. on Aug. 9, 1914. Mrs. Dyess spent most of her life as a homemaker and was an ardent member of the craft community. She was an expert seamstress, knitter, crocheter and made beautiful ceramics.

She is survived by her children, William L. Morris, Jr., deceased, and Ronald E. Morris, of Bodfish, and his wife, Janet; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her husband of 39 years, J.T. Dyess, predeceased her.

During her four-year tenure in California, she resided at the Burlington, the Burlando and finally the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital. We would like to thank all the wonderful people at these facilities for the great care and love they showed for Mom in her final days.

Norma was much loved and will be missed by her family and all who loved her.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. Services were held Oct. 4, 2000 at Rose Hills Cemetery in Cleburne, Texas.

Marilyn Mae Knoth

Marilyn Mae (Foster) Knoth was born Jan. 25, 1931 in Normal, Ill. She passed away at her home in Lake Isabella on Sept. 26, 2000 after a brief but courageous bout with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Knoth and two sons, Michael and Gary. She is survived by her daughter Laura Martin and her fiancee, Troy Nelson; son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Jan Lehman; nine grandchildren, Kenneth Farley Jr., Amanda Martin, Anthony Lehman II, Michael R. Lehman, Cody Lehman, Angela Lehman, Melissa Lehman, Drew Lehman, and Michael A. Lehman; and two great-grandchildren, Kenneth Farley III and Devin Stamback. Marilyn retired from PayLess Drug, where she had been an assistant manager. Marilyn was very active for many years in the VFW Auxiliary and was serving her second term as President. She also enjoyed ceramics and delighted many friends and family with treasures she had made. Marilyn enjoyed life and loved bringing joy to all those she knew. She will be missed in the physical sense, but not in our hearts. She touched so many hearts and we all carry a little piece of our love with us. A memorial service to honor her life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post No. 7665 on Nugget Ave. in Lake Isabella.

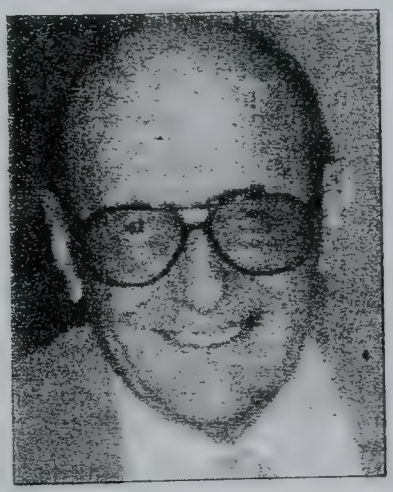
A prayer was sent via e-mail for Marilyn just before her spirit departed from earth to travel to heaven. It means a lot to us and we would like to share it with you, her family and friends:

Dear God, I think that I am going to die. I think I'm going to leave this world. Give me strength, Lord, that I might not fear. I know, dear God, that when I leave I do not die, that when I die I shall continue to live in Your arms, in Your mind, and Your spirit forever. And yet, dear Lord, my heart beats wildly. I am so scared. My heart breaks to be leaving those I love: my friends, my children, my loves. And yet I know I shall not be leaving. Heal my heart that I might know this. Heal theirs also that they might know we are bound together forever, through Your power, which is greater than the power of death. For the arms of God are the arms of life. Dear God, I surrender my body to You. If it serves Your purposes, then I may live. But if the arc of destiny calls me home, then let me die in peace, dear God, send the Angel of Death when it is my time. Let me feel the Angel's tenderness as I exit this world and enter the next. Let me go from dark to light, let me feel the love of God. Please comfort me and those I love. Now while I wait, now while I face my fears and my pain, let me see the truth and know Your peace. May my family and friends now feel the same. For we shall not be torn asunder. Our love is larger than death, Our bond is eternal, Your life is with us always. So I believe, so shall I feel, now and forever. Hallelujah, Lord. For Yours is the power and the glory and the love. You are with me as I am with You. Thank you, God, for what has been. Thank you, God, for what shall be. Forgive me my darkness, reveal to me Your light. Bless my family. Take care of them, my darling ones. Take me home. I willingly surrender. I shall not fear for You are with me. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2000

Local educator, senior advocate dies

By Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writer



Grant Pinney

"He was always trying to look over the hill," Grant Pinney's first born said of him following a memorial service for his father. "There's something on the other side of the hill."

The 80-year-old Pinney — educator, senior advocate and patriarch — died Sept. 26 in Bakersfield following a stroke. Close to 200 came to pay their final respects Saturday at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Even more joined family and friends at the Kern River Valley Senior Center afterwards to share their stories of and respect for what Pinney had accomplished in his lifetime.

"He was a doer and a giver," his son, Robert Pinney, said. "His philosophy in life really was to help anyone he could help and that's the way he lived his life."

Grant Pinney was born on Feb. 28, 1920 and raised in the small town of Chester, W. Va. It was there, in nearby Newell, he met Gertrude, who would be his partner and wife for the next 62 years. The high school sweethearts married at 18. Robert was born close to a year later, in July of 1939. He was followed by another son, John Scott, and then three daughters: Diana, Pamela and Cathy.

When the Pinneys first married, Grant worked as a soda jerk, his son said.

From there, he became a warehouse man and then he went to work at the job he thought he'd have for the rest of his life — with the railroad.

But after serving for a year with the Army Air Corps during World War II and returning home disabled, Grant Pinney began looking beyond the Appalachian Mountains.

"There's a whole world out there and we're not going to stay in West Virginia," he told Gertrude.

"So he sold the house, everything," Robert Pinney said. "He told my mother he had a job in Arizona. He didn't. He bought about the first (house) trailer anybody — especially in West Virginia in 1947 — had ever seen. He built a truck. There were no doors in it, just 2-by-4 armrests, a little canvas shield over the top and a plexiglass windshield. He built a big box on the back end of it. He threw us three kids in the back end of that box, hitched up that trailer and away we went, taking two and a half weeks to get to Arizona. He had to stop every time there was a sign that said 'point of interest' or anything.

"We saw everything along Highway 66."

Working for the Veteran's Administration in Phoenix, Pinney learned he could fulfill a dream by returning to school on the G.I. bill. Enrolling at Arizona State College (now University), Pinney pushed himself to graduate in three years.

But there were still three children to support.

"None of the students had cars back then," Robert Pinney recalled. "So he had an idea. He went into Sears in Phoenix and cajoled the manager into selling him 24 bicycles on credit — no job, going to school on the GI Bill, nothing at all, and he managed to get 24 bicycles."

"He just would come up with those kinds of ideas — that was Grant Pinney. If there was a way to do it, he was going to find it."
— Robert Pinney

Grant, Gertrude and Robert took turns renting those bicycles for 25 cents an hour from a corner of the parking lot on campus near the liberal arts building.

"He just would come up with those kinds of ideas — that was Grant Pinney," Robert said. "If there was a way to do it, he was going to find it."

While completing his master's degree, Pinney taught school in Seligman, Ariz.

Of the small town along Route 66 where he attended seventh and eighth grade, Robert remembers his father as "principal. He taught fifth and sixth grade in one room and was also a coach, bus driver and janitor."

Grant Pinney also took some young native Americans on their first excursion to Phoenix to see the capitol. When the group was refused entrance in those days of racial segregation, in typical Grant Pinney mode, Pinney called the governor, a member of his church, who escorted the educator and his students on a tour.

From there, the Pinneys went to Avondale, Ariz., and Grant taught the children of itinerant farm workers bused in from nearby Mexico.

"That again, was Grant Pinney," Robert said. "Long before it was socially acceptable to do so, he was in the middle of trying to help who he could help— who he felt needed the most help. Those kids needed help."

As he was finishing his degree program, Pinney noticed a sign posted at the college stating, "Principal wanted — Small mining community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas."

"Well, that conjures up a real nice picture," Robert said with a wry laugh.

But on his way to the previously unseen Randsburg, Grant Pinney took a wrong turn and landed at China Lake Naval Weapons Center near Ridgecrest.

Following a tour of the modern and new school facility at China Lake, Pinney signed on the dotted line there.

After teaching for a handful of years, Pinney became principal, then went on to serve as the assistant superintendent of schools until his retirement in 1979.

Pinney will be remembered at China Lake for gaining the funds from Washington to build the only special education center on the high desert.

Lobbying Washington once again, he also managed to acquire the grounds, building and funds for Mesquite Alternate High School in Ridgecrest.

Grant Pinney was learning the ins and outs of Washington, D.C. very well.

When each of his 13 grandchildren turned 12, Pinney would take them on a week-long tour of the capitol to view both its monuments and interior workings.

"Right at 12," Robert said. "That's the age when (he felt) they ought to realize that there's a federal government."

Grant Pinney was the true patriarch of the family, his son said.

"With his grandchildren, he probably did more to get each one of them into college — get loans for them, find scholarships. When they got old enough, they'd come to him, because granddad'll know how to do it."

When the Pinney's first arrived in California, Grant Pinney told his family, "If we're going to move to a new state, we're going to find out about that state."

So during the summer of 1953, everyone piled into the car and they started at the Oregon border and worked their way down, Robert remembered.

"...we came home 178. In those days, 178 was quite a road. But we all thought it was magnificently beautiful."

A few years later, Grant Pinney purchased a mountain cabin near Alta Sierra, where the family vacationed frequently until Grant and Gertrude moved to the Kern River Valley permanently in 1974. Upon retiring, they sold the cabin and bought a home in Lake Isabella.

But there was no such thing as retirement for Grant Pinney — although Robert chuckles at the memory of the Gray Panthers, a group of septuagenarians who explored the dusty trails of the Kern River Valley on motorcycles.

"And he wouldn't miss a Wednesday Senior Dance," Robert said.

Pinney was honored as the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year in 1991 for his work as an Assemblyman in the California Senior Legislature. At that time, he was serving his third two-year term. He went on for a fourth.

Volunteering about two weeks out of each month, he traveled to and from Sacramento. Along I-5, there is a plaque at a rest stop recognizing Pinney for what came to be the highlight of his terms as a legislator. That was the passage of the Grant Pinney bill, allowing persons of the opposite gender to accompany and assist the elderly or disabled in rest stop restrooms along California's highways.

Pinney also never stopped fighting for free fishing licenses for senior citizens, Robert said. Even in the 10 years since he left Sacramento, he got on the phone every year to ask, "Is somebody putting in a bill on fishing?"

Pinney was also a member of the Kern County Commission on Aging, and Kern River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.

"He was very, very active as a senior advocate — taking care of problems,"

Robert said. "That phone was off the hook more than it was on with people calling with problems. While he had no official capacity, he was just the person they went to, to find out where to go, what office/person to contact."

"The Democrat's democrat," as his son calls him, Grant Pinney also stayed active with political work and in his church, serving for many years as choir director. But he and Gertrude did find some time to share with the grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, in addition to traveling to exotic locals such as Tahiti, England and Newfoundland. And then there were some of the favorite, three-day getaways to Laughlin.

Those who spoke at his father's service, Robert Pinney recalled, "everybody mentioned the fact that when my father came into a room, he came in with a joke — and it was always a new joke, and always a clean joke."

Robert Pinney sees his father, still, "trying to look over the hill."

In lieu of flowers, Robert says he's sure his father would want people to, "vote Democrat."

Marilyn Mae Knoth

Marilyn Mae (Foster) Knoth was born Jan. 25, 1931 in Normal, Ill. She passed away at her home in Lake Isabella on Sept. 26, 2000 after a brief but courageous bout with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Knoth and two sons, Michael and Gary. She is survived by her daughter Laura Martin and her fiancee, Troy Nelson; son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Kelly Lehman; son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Jan Lehman; nine grandchildren, Kenneth Farley Jr., Amanda Martin, Anthony Lehman II, Michael R. Lehman, Cody Lehman, Angela Lehman, Melissa Lehman, Drew Lehman, and Michael A. Lehman; and two great-grandchildren, Kenneth Farley III and Devin Stamback. Marilyn retired from PayLess Drug, where she had been an assistant manager. Marilyn was very active for many years in the VFW Auxiliary and was serving her second term as President. She also enjoyed ceramics and delighted many friends and family with treasures she had made. Marilyn enjoyed life and loved bringing joy to all those she knew. She will be missed in the physical sense, but not in our hearts. She touched so many hearts and we all carry a little piece of our love with us. A memorial service to honor her life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post No. 7665 on Nugget Ave. in Lake Isabella.

A prayer was sent via e-mail for Marilyn just before her spirit departed from earth to travel to heaven. It means a lot to us and we would like to share it with you, her family and friends:

Dear God, I think that I am going to die. I think I'm going to leave this world. Give me strength, Lord, that I might not fear. I know, dear God, that when I leave I do not die, that when I die I shall continue to live in Your arms, in Your mind, and Your spirit forever. And yet, dear Lord, my heart beats wildly. I am so scared. My heart breaks to be leaving those I love: my friends, my children, my loves. And yet I know I shall not be leaving. Heal my heart that I might know this. Heal theirs also that they might know we are bound together forever, through Your power, which is greater than the power of death. For the arms of God are the arms of life. Dear God, I surrender my body to You. If it serves Your purposes, then I may live. But if the arc of destiny calls me home, then let me die in peace, dear God, send the Angel of Death when it is my time. Let me feel the Angel's tenderness as I exit this world and enter the next. Let me go from dark to light, let me feel the love of God. Please comfort me and those I love. Now while I wait, now while I face my fears and my pain, let me see the truth and know Your peace. May my family and friends now feel the same. For we shall not be torn asunder. Our love is larger than death, Our bond is eternal, Your life is with us always. So I believe, so shall I feel, now and forever. Hallelujah, Lord. For Yours is the power and the glory and the love. You are with me as I am with You. Thank you, God, for what has been. Thank you, God, for what shall be. Forgive me my darkness, reveal to me Your light. Bless my family. Take care of them, my darling ones. Take me home. I willingly surrender. I shall not fear for You are with me. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord. Amen.

Andrew Roy Demetriff

Andrew Roy Demetriff passed away Oct. 3, 2000 in Kernville, his hometown. Andrew was born March 23, 1920 in Tipton and resided in Kern County for 18 years. He owned and operated Kernville RV Parking and Camping for 10 years. Andy's first love was his park, Frandy Park in Kernville. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Porterville. Andy is survived by two brothers, Fred and Jim; sisters Nellie, Tanya, Nora and Vera; and numerous nieces and nephews. No visitation is scheduled. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Frank Joseph Depto Jr.

Frank was born to Frank and Margaret Depto in Wheeling, W. Va. on Jan. 6, 1936. He entered into rest on Oct. 18, 2000 in Marina Del Rey.

Frank is survived by his wife, Alicia, of Wofford Heights; son Frank Depto III of Los Angeles; daughter Robin Yamamoto of Los Angeles; and grandchildren Jennifer, Stephen and Sarah.

Frank was very active as a volunteer at the Camp Owen Boys Camp in Kernville. He taught the boys carpentry. He was a superintendent in the construction industry, having built some of the biggest projects in Los Angeles. He was a finish carpenter and his home is filled with furniture that he felled the trees for, milled and lumber and built. Frank loved his shop and spent a lot of time in it. Some of his handiwork was to make a tabletop out of burl shaped like puzzle pieces. Before coming to the Kern Valley he was active in Los Angeles in the YMCA.

Frank was a member of the Kern Valley Gun Club, and the Kern Valley Elks No. 2358. Frank loved the lake where he spent time skiing. His greatest love was for his family and the joy he could bring to them. He also enjoyed teasing the waitress when dining out.

Frank will be greatly missed by his family. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating. Burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Herbert Elmer Bradley

Herbert Elmer Bradley passed away on Oct. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. Herb was born in Lincoln, Neb. on Oct 15, 1929. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a charter member and first president of the Kern Valley Lake Isabella Board of Realtors. He retired from Kern County Probation Department in September 1984.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gladys (Jane) Bradley; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kim Bradley of Vernal, Utah; son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Charlene Bradley of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter Pamela Morgan of Evanston, Wyo.; 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister Patricia Weiderman of Lakewood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles (Chick) and Neva Bradley.

Memorial services will be held Oct. 26, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple in Kernville.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Edith Stroud

Memorial services were held Oct. 24, 2000 at Greenlawn Southwest Chapel, in Bakersfield, for Margaret Edith Stroud, 85, of Bakersfield, who passed away Oct. 19, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Stroud was born Aug. 25, 1915, in Swindon, England, and was a resident of Kern County for 54 years.

She is survived by her children Rose Stroud of Bakersfield, Walter Stroud and his wife, Ann, of Kernville, and Nancy Burdge and her husband, Jim of Bakersfield; grandchildren Brian and Teresa Burdge, Trudie Chico, and Maggie and Chrissie Stroud; sister Freda Hayward of England; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Services by Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary, funeral directors.

John J. Higgins

At 1:05 a.m. on Oct. 16, 2000, John J. Higgins said goodbye to the Valley where he made his home for the past 30 years. John is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons, John and Bob; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Kathryn Theresa Hubble

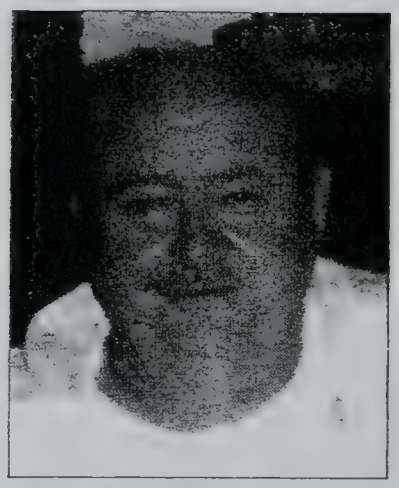
Graveside services were held Oct. 19, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Theresa Hubble, 85, who passed away Oct. 12, 2000. There was no viewing.

Kathryn was born Jan. 17, 1915 in Edgewood, Texas. She lived in Kern County for 67 years and in Lake Isabella for the last 43 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.E. ("Slim") Hubble in 1983.

Kathryn and Slim built the Kernvale Motel in Lake Isabella in 1957, moving from Bakersfield. Kathryn ran the motel for over 20 years before retiring. Kathryn loved her family, her home, her garden, and animals. She grew the nicest tulips this side of Holland and made the best pecan pie this side of Texas.

Surviving her are her son, Jerry Hubble, of Lake Isabella; daughter Mary Gunther of Quartz Hill, Calif,; son John Hubble of Citrus Heights, Calif.; sister Ruby Simmons of Norwalk; brothers Roger and Joe Britton of Edgewood, Texas; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Roy Ed Stacy

Roy Stacy, born Sept. 2, 1927, passed away peacefully at home in Lake Isabella on Oct. 18, 2000 at the age of 73. He was a very hard worker all of his life and owned his own tree company in Glendale, Calif. for 45 years. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, June Williams, and several stepchildren and grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He will be loved and missed by all. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Services

• **Andrew R. Demetriff** — There will be a Memorial Service at Frandy Park in Kernville at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for Andy Demetriff.

Ruth Marie Dickey Berry

Graveside services for Ruth Marie Dickey Berry, who passed on Oct. 8, 2000, were held on Oct. 17, 2000 at the Kern River Cemetery.

Mrs. Berry, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, was born on Sept. 6, 1901. She had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 60 years, coming from Bakersfield. She was preceded in death by her brother, William Askren, and her husband of 59 years, Forrest Dickey, and her late husband, Jim Berry.

When married to Forrest Dickey, he and Ruth owned and operated the Summit Lodge on Greenhorn Mountain. Mrs. Berry was a longtime member of Eastern Star and an avid fisherwoman. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and her many dear friends.

Surviving are her sons, Robert Dickey and wife Donnette of Reno and Forrest Dickey and wife Audrey of Bakersfield; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Berry requested that there would be no viewing or flowers.

Johnetta Sue Briody

A funeral service was held Oct. 19, 2000 at 9 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Johnetta Sue Briody, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Johnetta was a resident of the Valley for the past 10 years. She was preceded in death by her father, John Stone Jr., and older sister Patricia Riley Zimmer. She is survived by her daughters, Bridgette Briody of Lake Isabella and Jacey Hines of Los Angeles; grandson Levi; her mother and stepfather Edith and Bill Hurt of Lake Isabella; sister Nancee and her husband Mike Baily of Vacaville; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all her family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Olive Effie Cornish

Olive Effie Cornish was born on July 13, 1913, to her parents James and Florence Sharrar in Mesa, Ariz. In her life, Olive was a wonderful, endearing person with a feisty attitude toward life, sometimes even riding a motorcycle here and there. On Sept. 26, 1931, Olive met and married the love of her life, Alfred Wells Cornish. The two were married until Alfred's passing in 1992. Olive was a good parent and a good friend, but on Oct. 21, 2000, Olive went home to be with her maker and her beloved Alfred. She will be truly missed. We love you, Mom.

Olive Effie Cornish is survived by her son Gene Cornish and his wife Gloria Irene Cornish, of Fountain Valley; and by her grandson Garret Cornish. Olive is also survived by her two brothers, LaVerne Sharrar and Harvey Sharrar.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dorothea Michels Archer

Funeral services were held on Oct. 27, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella for Dorothea Archer. Burial followed at Coachella Valley Cemetery District in Coachella, Calif.

Dorothea was born on July 12, 1912 in Chicago and passed away on Oct. 23, 2000 in Bakersfield. Dorothea was a member of the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mountain Mesa, the AARP, the Senior Center, and also volunteered for the Gleaners. She found a lot of glory in taking care of her family and bringing them up with strong Christian values.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Archer, in 1974, and is survived by her daughters, Winona Stevenson Fahnestock, and husband Jim, of Southlake, Dorothy Flanagan of Southlake, and Mary Smith of Fresno, grandchildren Morgan James of Hemet, Terri Flanagan of Southlake, Belinda Hutchison of Lake Isabella, Debra Springer of Onyx, Rick Flanagan of Taft, Cindi Gomez of Modesto, Kelly Hiler of Fresno, Jeff Smith of Bakersfield; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Joseph (Joe) Guthrie Longworth

Joseph (Joe) Guthrie Longworth passed away Oct. 2, 2000. Born May 1, 1953 in Glendale, Joe lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 22 years.

Joe was a carpet layer for over 27 years and enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Longworth. He leaves his mother, Shirley Longworth; brother Robert Longworth and his wife Mary; sisters Robin Davis and Kellene Kirkpatrick and her husband Gregg; three nieces and three nephews.

Joe was well liked and loved. He will be missed by his family and friends, but it is believed he has begun a new life with his Father.

Harold Carl Arnold

Harold Carl Arnold entered life on Apr. 7, 1913 in Warsaw, Ohio. Born to his parents George and Martha, he was raised on strong, traditional Midwest values. In his years, Harold worked as an engineer for 40 years manufacturing cabinets amongst other things. Thirty-eight years ago, Harold met and married the love of his life, Eleanor May Hennis (Arnold). Harold and his family moved to the Kern River Valley 30 years ago and eventually settled down in Bodfish. Here in the Valley, Harold and Eleanor operated the Mountain View Trailer Park for 30 years. Harold was a member of the Masonic Lodge and also a Shriner in Kernville. Harold Arnold passed away on Oct. 26, 2000. Memorial services will be held at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella on Nov. 11, 2000 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Mark Buenafe officiating.

Harold Carl Arnold is survived by his wife of 38 years, Eleanor May Arnold; his daughter Sue and her huband Kenneth of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; his grandson Brad Barton and his wife, Laura, of New York City; and his granddaughter Kelly Poeses of Pennsylvania. Harold is also survived by his stepdaughters Jacqueline Durk of Big Bear City, and Jan Bishop and her husband Aaron of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Harry Frank Garrett Jr.

On Apr. 19, 1918, Harry Frank Garrett Jr. was born to his parents, Harry and Hazel, in Des Moines, Iowa. During WWII, Harry proudly served his nation in the United States Navy. A meaningful time in his life, Harry continued to serve his country by being a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, paying homage to all of his fallen comrades. Raised with sturdy Midwestern values, Harry lived his life in true stride, always being a good husband and family man, staying married to his beloved wife of 52 years, Dolores. He was lucky enough to be blessed with a job of 30 years that he loved, working as a chef. All in all, Harry was a wonderful man who will truly be missed by all.

Harry Frank Garrett Jr. is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dolores; brother Bill Garrett and his wife Beverly of Riverside; Fred Garrett and his wife Shirley of Comanche, Iowa; sister Florence Enders and her husband Paul of Minnesota; sister Betty Ridout Glenwood of Iowa; and sister Mardelle King and her husband Raleigh of Eldora, Iowa.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

William H. Ballinger

Bill (Buddha), as everyone in the Kern River Valley knew him, was born to William and Lillian Ballinger in Victorville on Nov. 27, 1939. He passed away on Oct. 30, 2000.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia and his son Kevin Ballinger and daughter-in-law Dottie of Cedar City, Utah, his sister Marie Huntsman, and her husband Arlen of Belfair, Washington, and his two nephews, Jay Huntsman of Thousand Oaks and Jeff Huntsman of Spanaway, Washington. He was preceded in death his son Kenneth Ballinger.

Bill worked for U.S. Borax for 25 years as an area plant supervisor and chemical engineer before his retirement to the Kern River Valley. Upon his arrival to the Kern River Valley, Buddha and his wife Cynthia became owners of the KOA Kampground in Weldon for the last 20 years.

Bill loved the Kern River Valley. He visited this area with his family as a young man before the dam was built. He has helped many people here in the Valley. He and Cynthia have become close to many of their friends, and most are considered part of a large family. He will be missed by all, especially his special friends.

Buddha loved to help people have a good time and live life. Therefore, in lieu of services Buddha requested that there be a celebration of his life at Buddha's Pub, located at the KOA Kampground in Weldon, so his many friends can share with him the good times they have had, with food and fun at the place they knew him best.

Bill and his family offer a Thank You to Hoffman Hospice for the excellent care provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of William (Bill) H. Ballinger to the Florence R. Wheeler Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital, 2215 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309, or Hoffman Hospice. 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James Reeder Fielder

Memorial Services were held on Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at Shackelford Chapel in Savannah, Tennessee for James Fielder. James was 72 and passed away from cancer on Oct. 26.

James was a plumber. He was born in Lauderdale County, Alabama, and lived in Hardin County, Tennessee, since early childhood. He is survived by his spouse, Velva Todd Jones Fielder of Savannah, TN; his daughter Connie Williams of Savannah; his stepdaughter Nancy Pallerito of Wofford Heights; his sons Steve Fielder of Savannah and Michael Fielder of Waynesboro, TN; his stepsons Dan Caperton of Savannah, James Caperton of Holly Springs, MS, David Williams of Wofford Heights, and Melton Williams of Austin, Texas; sisters Viola Harmon of Granite City, IL, Lillian Austin of Corinth, MS, and Henry Etta Lindsey of Savannah, TN.

Services were provided by Shackelford Funeral Directors of Savannah, TN.

Lee. D. Simpson

Lee was born in Searsy, Arkansas on Nov. 22, 1922 and went to his rest Oct. 26 at his home in Weldon.

He grew up in Arkansas but came to California as a young man. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He went to work for Shell Oil in 1950, retiring as a foreman in 1974 due to medical reasons. The Simpsons had a place here in the Valley since 1969, but when retirement came, they purchased a permanent home in Weldon.

Lee was a member of the Eagles. He had always been involved in citizen band radio organizations in the Southland; so he started the Sidewalk CBers when he moved to the Valley.

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Meeting for breakfasts at various places, he involved his group in helpful community work. As the group grew and eventually became the KRV CBers, they had to move to larger quarters, from the Dam Korner Cafe, the Elk's Lodge, the Eagles Lodge, and finally, the Senior Center when it was built in Lake Isabella.

Money was contributed at each of these places from the breakfasts or "Breaks," in CB language. Community causes were helped along the way. Coathanger, Lee's CB "handle," became well known all over the Valley, and his CBers, under his guidance, helped many good causes in the Valley. Coathanger was instrumental in taking over the U.S. surplus food commodities in 1981, which are distributed to those of low income once a month. Coathanger organized the CBers to fetch the food from Bakersfield in their own trucks to be given out at predesignated distribution spots. When the group was younger and more able, Coathanger organized mini-jamborees and raised money each year for a two-week food basket for those in need at Christmas.

He was much loved and will be greatly missed by his family and many others.

Lee is survived by his wife Ann Simpson; sons Rodney Simpson, Gayle Simpson, Richard Decker, and Ronald Decker; daughters Martha Simpson, Reta Manes, and Reba Leach; brothers Joe Lowrey, John Lowrey, and Burl Lowrey; sisters Jeanette Pitts, Avis Davis, Ollie Huntsman, IV Boyle, Ruby Helm, and Connie Martindale; eighteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Fraternal Order of Eagles #3156 officiated. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Zella Lee Loff

Zella Loff was born on Feb. 12, 1927 in Kerrville, Texas, and passed away Nov. 2.

Zella was a resident of the Lake Isabella and Bodfish area for 20 years. She loved cooking and sewing and fishing the streams on the upper Kern River.

Zella is survived by her husband Wayne Loff; daughter Carolyn Lo Guidice of San Jose; son George Gardner of Pennsylvania; sisters Ova May Jones of Arizona and Eva Kirchman of Ontario; four grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Burial will be private.

Joan Louise Smith

Memorial services were held Saturday, November 4, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Joanie Smith of Lake Isabella. Joanie was born January 26, 1940 in Los Angeles and passed away on Oct. 28 in Mt. Mesa after a long illness.

Joanie was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 50 years. She was a member of the KV FFA Boosters and she worked very hard for them. She and her husband Royce had many different businesses throughout the Valley, and she was a big supporter of her husband's many business ventures. She loved people and was known for her laugh. She was preceded in death by her father William Kinnett in 1964 and her husband Royce Smith in 1999. She is survived by her mother Irene Kinnett of Bakersfield; her daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Roger McCoy of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Dana and Fritz Goss of Lake Isabella; sisters Frances Fischer, Betty Strickler, and Sharon Pope; brothers William Kinnett Jr. and James Kinnett; grandchildren Cara, Ryan, and Alyssa McCoy and Mandy Goss; mother-in-law Effie Smith and many special nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Joanie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, Mom, we love you.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Alfred Frank George

Mr. Alfred Frank George, age 80, passed away at his Weldon home on Nov. 11, 2000. He was a native of Chicago and had resided in Weldon since 1987. He was retired by the U.S. Forestry Dept. and was a fireman.

He is survived by his wife, Helen George; daughter Wanda Slocum of Delta, Colo.; daughter Bonna George of Kernville; son Keith Harriman of Tahoe; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private services are under the direction of Kern River Family Mortuary of Bakersfield. Please phone (661) 392-9010 for information.

Mildred Pearl Rowland

Visitation was held on Nov. 10, 2000 with service following for Mildred Pearl Rowland. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rowland was born Nov. 24, 1916 and passed away on Nov. 4, 2000 in Bakersfield. She was 83 years old and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years. She and her husband were members of the Elks. She enjoyed traveling and fishing and reading. She was a great cook.

She was preceded in death by her son, Randolph Terry Jr., and her husband Isham Rowland.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Mike and Esther Terry and Michael and Melissa Rowland; daughter Roseann Rowland; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mark Anthony Imbelloni

Visitation was held Nov. 9, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella and a Rosary and Mass on Nov. 10 at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Mark Anthony Imbelloni. Officiating was Father Patric Persinger and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mark was born on May 27, 1960 in Burbank and passed away on Nov. 6, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

Mark was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 14 years and drove a truck for Viking Freight for the past 11 years.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Susan; sons Raphael Anthony and John Marty Imbelloni; daughters Elisabethe Lynne Imbelloni and Jamie Lynn Euing; his father and mother Raphael and Partricia Imbelloni; brother John Imbelloni; sisters Mary McIrvin, Christine Tercy, Julie Amateeis and Kathy Wilson; many nieces and nephews and one great-nephew.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Walter Herman Keeling

Walter Herman Keeling passed away in his sleep on Nov. 8, 2000 at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were held on Nov. 14, 2000 at the Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo and Pastor Mark Buenafe officiated the services. Military graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Walter S. Keeling, and his sister Sally Lewis. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley A. Keeling; mother Freida Meyers; brother Don Keeling and his wife Margaret; daughters Cindy Stimmel and Debi Nursall; stepchildren Jennifer Jaime and Joe and Frank Walburn. Walter leaves 10 grandchildren, Casandra Bennett, Jamie Nursall, Dana and Kim Jamie, Cody and Chelsea Walburn, Sarah, Waylon and Frankie Walburn, and Jimmy Jordan. He also leaves nephews Tom, Jim and Mike Bearup and niece Vicky Gamarra.

Walter was born on May 27, 1928 in Washington, Penn. as the son of a coal miner. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, attaining the rank of staff sergeant, and was honorably discharged on discharged on July 14, 1952. Walter worked as a foreman for the Carnation company and he was an active Elks member of the Rialto-Fontana lodge for 30 years and at the time of his death was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. Walter was Elk of the Year in 1974-75 and was the Rialto-Fontana club manager for many years. He devoted himself to numerous fund raising efforts to benefit children. Walter vacationed and enjoyed fishing in the Kern River Valley for many years. He was able to move here in 1985 and could then pursue fishing on a regular basis. Since 1988 Walter spent tireless hours as manager of the Lake Ridge Mobilehome Park in Lake Isabella. His love of the park and all of his neighbors was unending. Walter was an active community volunteer and a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Walter could always be counted on to provide a helping hand to those in need.

Walter's friends will miss his sense of humor and his ability to make them laugh. The permanent twinkle in his eyes was an accurate window to his inner person. Walter will always be a part of the lives of his family and friends.

Thomas Edward Creasy

Thomas Edward Creasy was born on Feb. 27, 1912 to Thomas and Maggie Creasy in Westmoreland, Tenn. He entered eternal life on Nov. 8, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Tom left home and joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country. Tom spent a total of 27 years in the Navy. While serving he picked up the nickname of Champ. He also met and married Geneva Jackson who preceded him in death.

Tom moved to Ridgecrest where he worked at the Naval Weapons Center for two years before moving to the Lake Isabella area. Tom met and married Alice Drake and they were together for 15 years. He belonged to the Masons where he reached the 32nd Degree Mason level. Tom was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella. He also belonged to the VFW Post 7665, the American Legion, the DAV and the Eagles Lodge. Tom loved to fish and visit with friends who dropped in any time of the day.

Tom is survived by his wife, Alice; son Tom of Covina; sister Jessie Brown of Westmoreland, Tenn.; sister Elizabeth Walker of Naples, Fla.; grandsons Todd and Thomas; granddaughter Cathy of Long Beach; and great-grandchildren Ryan and Allison.

Funeral services were held at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Gene Bush officiating.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Virginia Ruth Kelley

Funeral services have been set for Virginia Ruth Kelley, who passed away on Nov. 16, 2000. The service will be held Nov. 27, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating will be Pastor John Revis of Calloway Community Church in Bakersfield.

Virginia was born April 11, 1920 in Los Angeles. She met the love of her life, Clyde, and they were married Feb. 7, 1942. She worked as a telephone operator for several years and then Claudia came along and Virginia stayed home. Seven years later along came little baby Clyde. Virginia went back to work after the children were older at Bunch Jr. High in Compton as an assistant librarian. After Clyde's retirement in 1977 they moved to the Kern River Valley and became active in the Historical Society and the DAR and the Kernville Women's Club. She was very interested in the history of Old Kernville and wrote a book about the old houses around the Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Clyde. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Claudia and John Novosel of Kernville; son and daughter-in-law Clyde and Susan Kelley of Bodfish; grandchildren Gregg Jelkin and April and Allyson Kelley; five great-grandchildren; sisters Elisabeth Davis of Bellflower, Jo Ledestich of Yucaipa and Charleen Cole of Downey; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Arvita "Veta" Bean

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Arvita Bean, known as Veta to everyone.

Veta was born on Dec. 16, 1923 in Kentucky and passed away on Nov. 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She and her husband moved here to the Kern River Valley from San Jose five years ago. She loved to garden and play golf, but most of all, she loved to fish. She was a friend to all who met her.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Carl Bean of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in law Angela and Ermon Baxter; son and daughter-in-law James and Karen Middleton; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Dorothy Drobnak, Tessa Hartgrove; brother Richard Hall; her mother and father Hattie and Darrell Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

David Marion Kitchen

Visitation was held Nov. 17, 2000 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for David Marion Kitchen, 81.

David was born to Rufus and Rosa on Nov. 26, 1918 in Terre Haute, Ind. He was one of nine children. David met Dorothy in 1941 and they were married in December of that year. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served four years in Europe during WWII. David was recalled to the service during the Korean War, serving for two more years of active service. After his service time, he joined the California Air National Guard, serving another 25 years with the 146th Military Air Transport Wing. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Dorothy, moved to the Lake area in 1979.

David was active in the VFW Post 7665, and served in the American Cancer Society. He also was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kernville.

David was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy. Surviving him are son Don and wife Judy; grandchildren Vince, Scott and wife Shiloh and Lisa and husband Brian; great-grandchildren Jake, Jenna, Riley and Zachary; brothers Albert, George and Bruce; and sisters Ruth, Mary and Charolette.

A funeral service was held Nov. 17, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Kernville with Pastor Dick Lewis officiating. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with the honor guard from the VFW Post 7665. Pallbearers were Vince Kitchen, Scott Kitchen, Brian Leonard, Ruben Tatum, Don Reese, and Jay Burns.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William (Bill) F. Miller

Bill Miller, 89, passed away Nov. 16, 2000. He lived in Wofford Heights for the past 33 years.

Bill was born in Jackson, Neb. on Feb. 7, 1911. He was from a family of eight children.

Bill was self employed and worked in construction and body and fender repairs.

He is survived by his daughter, Geraldine Carlson, of Eureka; son William Harry Miller of Wofford Heights; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister Edna and brother Jack.

Burial took place in Eureka.

Gertude Baker

Gertrude Baker was born on July 14, 1920 in Ohio. She lived in the Lake Isabella area for some tome, where Gertrude owned and operated a storage facility for 12 years. Gertrude Baker entered eternal life on Nov. 14, 2000 at the Kern Valley Hospital's skilled nursing facility. Gertrude is survived by sons Thomas A. Baker of Oregon, Ely Baker of Bakersfield, Howard Baker of Lake Isabella and Richard Baker of Fallon, Nev.

Gertude enjoyed sewing, knitting and crochet work. She belonged to the VFW and the Eagles and Moose Lodges over the years.

Gertude will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Michael Erhardt

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Richard Michael Erhardt of Fair Oaks, Calif., who passed away on Nov. 17, 2000. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Gerald Hosman.

Richard was born Nov. 30, 1967 in Torrance. As a resident of the Kern Valley he graduated from Kern Valley High School and met and fell in love with his future wife, Catina. They were married in 1994 in Washington and moved back to the Valley for a while to be close to the family. Then they moved back to the Sacramento area. They had a beautiful son, Logan Mathas Erhardt, in 1998.

Richard loved the Lord and was the most giving and loving man. He was generous with everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife Catina and son Logan of Fair Oaks; his father and mother Kenneth and Brenda Erhardt of Weldon; brother and sister-in-law Dean and Tracy Erhardt of Weldon; grandfather and grandmother Bill and Nora Hickok of Wofford Heights; grandfather and grandmother Michael and Kathryn Erhardt of Yucca Valley; father-in-law Andrew Mitchell, M.D. and mother-in-law Reneta Mitchell of Lake Isabella; grandmother-in-law Stephanija Mitchell of Lake Isabella; two nieces and a nephew; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The House of Prayer, Family Christian Center, 6521 Hazel Ave., Orangevale, Calif. 95662.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Vesta Fay McElfresh

Vesta was born to John and May Jensen in San Francisco on July 21, 1908. She entered into rest on Nov. 23, 2000 at Burlington Assisted Living in Wofford Heights. There will be a memorial service for her there on Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.

When Vesta was a child her parents moved to Stockton where she lived most of her life. She moved to the Valley area 25 years ago.

Vesta loved arts and crafts and she will be remembered for her artistic and musical abilities. She also had a great love of life in general. She was married to Harry McElfresh who preceded her in death. Her son Gordon also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Jo Ann McElfresh of Wofford Heights; sister Vivian Brown of Sonora, Calif.; grandson Craig and his wife Michelle McElfresh of Clovis; granddaughter Sue and her husband John Exline of Clovis; granddaughter Pam and her husband Mark Stieler of Wofford Heights; and great-grandchildren Sandy Stieler of Wofford Heights, Clinton and Stacy McElfresh of Clovis, and Erin and Brian Exline of Clovis.

Vesta will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services are pending. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Larry James Anderson

Viewing will be held Nov. 29, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, and a memorial service will be held on Nov. 30, 2000 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Larry James Anderson, who passed away Nov. 24, 2000 in Bakersfield. Interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Larry was born on April 7, 1936 in Chicago, to James and Grace Anderson. He spent his young childhood in Kansas City, and at age 11 his family relocated to Redlands, Calif., where he grew up.

He met and married his wife Peggy and they raised three sons. Larry began his lifelong career in 1957 with GTE. His work led him to the Kern River Valley in 1971 with Continental Telephone Co., where he remained until he retired in 1994.

Larry was involved in the community by being active in the Kern Valley Youth Athletic League, where he coached the Contel baseball team for nine years and was an assistant football coach for two years. Larry also served on the Kern Valley High School Parents Advisory Committee 1978-80.

For much of his life Larry's hobby was bowling. He excelled at it and as a young man he won many tournaments including a television appearance with a pro bowler.

After retirement Larry found that traveling in his motorhome and seeing parts of our country and meeting many wonderful people was his greatest reward after a long and successful career.

Larry is survived by his wife Peggy and her mother Rubel Wray; sons Ricky Anderson, Randall Anderson and Dr. Russell Anderson and his wife Patti; four grandsons, Jeremiah Anderson, Justin Anderson, Joshua Anderson and Jonathan Anderson; and one granddaughter, the love of his life, Cynthia Elizabeth Anderson. He also had three step-grandchildren and two step-great-granddaughters.

Larry was loved passionately by his family and will be greatly missed.

Nancy Crawford

Memorial Mass will be said for Nancy Crawford on Dec. 5, 2000 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 86 Nellie Dent Dr., Wofford Heights.

Nancy was born Jan. 24, 1938 in New Jersey, and passed away on Nov. 24, 2000 in Weldon. She moved here to Kern County from the San Fernando Valley four years ago and enjoyed the time she had here. She loved gardening, canning, and baking bread, and surrounded herself with dogs, cats, birds and people.

She is survived by her nephew Brendan Crawford, sister-in-law Frankie Crawford, nephew-in-law Mark Segal, dear friend Cina Motter, and many loving cousins, friends and neighbors.

Mabel Irene Fawcett

Mabel Irene Fawcett, 85,of Southlake, passed away on Nov. 28, 2000.

Mrs. Fawcett was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence (Larry) Fawcett; her parents, Orin and Emma Abrams; and three brothers, Walter, Thomas and Chester Abrams.

Survivors include three daughters, Jane Schmidt of Santa Rosa, Sharon Sandoz of Ocean Springs, Miss., and Janice Fawcett of La Mirada; a granddaughter, Joy Marshall of Lake Isabella; great-grandson Christopher Marshall of Lake Elsinore; and two sisters, Inez Fannin and Laura Page of Madera.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite charity or hospice.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Linda Marilyn Youngblood

Linda Marilyn Youngblood was born on July 21,1965 and passed away on Nov. 28, 2000 at her home.

Linda was known throughout the Valley as a very happy and outgoing person. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Linda is survived by her husband Charles; daughter Nicole; son James; sisters Franki and Lisa; brothers Carmen and Mike; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Nicole Noonan, 5600 Vista Grande, Weldon Calif. 93283.

Gary Michael Schamber

Gary Michael Schamber, 43, lost his battle with cancer on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2000.

Family and friends gathered for graveside services performed by the Rev. Jack Dilley at Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 30, 2000, followed by a memorial at his home in Lake Isabella, where he resided for the past three years.

Gary was born on Oct. 20, 1957. He was the third of seven children born to Lee and Yvonne Schamber. Preceded in death by his father, Gary is survived by his beloved mother, Yvonne; six siblings, Joyce, Chris, Scott, Deanna, Loryne and Darren; and many additional family and friends.

Gary's friendly smile and great sense of humor have touched the lives of many. He will be forever loved and missed.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Shirley Ann Ruiz

Shirley Ann Ruiz, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, departed this world to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Nov. 27, 2000.

She was born on June 17, 1933 in Bellview, Neb. to Albert and Naomi Stitzel. Shirley and her parents moved to Lomita where she attended school. Shirley and her family then moved to San Pedro where she was a bookkeeper for 15 years before retiring. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1991, where she became a member of the Pink Ladies. Shirley was an active member of the Kern Valley Healthcare District Ladies Auxiliary and served as its president in 1998 and 1999.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 38 years, Peter Ruiz Sr.; sister Nadine Burpo; sons Randy Griffin and Peter Ruiz Jr.; and granddaughters Adrienne Lee, Brooke Griffin, Katie Ruiz and Jessie Ruiz. Preceding her in death was a daughter, Karen Griffin.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Harold "Sonny" Dean

Graveside services were held Dec. 4, 2000 at Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Harold Dean, also known as Sonny to family. Harold left us on Nov. 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital after a year-long battle with cancer.

Harold was born Sept. 19, 1938 in Allequippa, Penn. to Loretta Cagley and Harold Dean. He came to California in 1960 and was introduced to plastics at Westland Plastics in Newberry Park. He worked 13 years for Beeton Dickinson Labware in Oxnard, and when the plant shut down, moved to Littleton, Colo. where he continued working in plastics for six years.

He came to Kernville in 1990 and worked for Salter Lab in Arvin, until cancer caught him and he had to retire. He joined Kern Valley Golf Course and loved to play golf with all his friends there and elsewhere.

Harold is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Colleen Dean, of Kernville; mother-in-law Lottie Glaze of Kernville; and mother Loretta Cagley of Ohio. He is also survived by four sons, Michael Hodge of Wofford Heights, Kenneth Dean of Oxnard, James Dean of Oxnard and Mark Dean of Oxnard; three daughters, Cherrie Stepp of Oregon, Kathleen Wyatt of Bakersfield and July Lacerda of Weldon; two sisters, Mary Jo Curnette of Ohio and Elizabeth Lysagt of Pennsylvania; brother George Poling of Ohio; cousin Peggy Smith of Pennsylvania; 18 grandchildren; 26 grandchildren; and many loved family members in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Harold will indeed be greatly missed, and well remembered until we meet him again in the presence of our glorious Heavenly Father.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Thomas "Tommy" Laurence O'Connor

Thomas ("Tommy") Laurence O'Connor, age 92, of Wofford Heights, died on Nov. 29, 2000 of lung cancer at the home of his daughter-in-law, Noel O'Connor, in Weldon.

He was born Sept. 30, 1908 in El Paso and was raised there by his fraternal grandmother, Rena E. Wafer, following the death of his parents in 1911 and 1923. He received his degree in mining engineering in 1930 from the Texas College of Mines & Metallurgy (now UTEP) in El Paso and for 16 years was a mining engineer at various mines, mostly quicksilver, in Texas, Arizona, California and Nevada. Prior to his retirement in 1979, he was a private land surveyor for 25 years in Lake County (California) where he owned a surveying business in Lower Lake. He was a member of the Lower Lake volunteer fire department and president of the Highlands chapter of Lions Club in Lake County.

He enjoyed cultivating and canning a variety of fruits, and over the years was an avid participant in ballroom and square dancing. After moving to Wofford Heights, he would drive to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during the winter where he enjoyed surf fishing. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois F. O'Bryan, by his second wife Antonia ("Tanya") F. Gray and by his son, Thomas L. O'Connor, Jr. Survivors include his children Carol Pittman of Merced, Kathy Finney of San Jose, and Bruce O'Connor of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a daughter-in-law, Noel O'Connor of Weldon; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests donations in the name of the deceased to the American Cancer Society or the Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield in lieu of flowers.

Oma Bernice Mikula

Oma Bernice Mikula was born on Jan. 6, 1916, to her parents Joseph and Reka Kline, in Lowder County, Ill.

Raised in the Midwest, Oma was brought up with a strong sense of family values. She began working while still a teenager doing housekeeping for private families. It was at this time that Oma met the love of her life, George Mikula. The two were inseparable and were later married on Nov. 9, 1935.

In 1946, Oma and George moved to Lakewood, Colo., and continued to build a life together. Oma began working for the Gates Rubber Co. in Denver and continued on there for about 10 years. During this time, she and George traveled around the United States, and in their travels, they found several towns they later moved to.

In 1955, Oma and George moved to Santa Monica, and then later moved to Lancaster, while all the while working for the Lockheed and Hughes Aircraft companies. In 1958, the two of them purchased property in Onyx and came to the Valley as "weekenders." However, in 1972, Oma and George picked up their roots and replanted them here in our valley, making their weekend home their permanent home.

Oma was very active in the Valley, becoming a member of the local Moose lodge, the CBers club, and the Eagles. She and George stayed active in our community, and continued to travel, visiting Alaska on fishing and hunting trips. At the end of their travels, they had visited all 50 states.

Oma and George made friends all across America, which is one of the reasons that made it so hard when Oma fell ill a while back and was hospitalized. Oma was fortunate enough to be able to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary with George in November. But as these things do, in the twilight of the evening on Dec. 2, 2000, Oma Bernice Mikula passed away and went home to be with the Lord.

Graveside services were held on Dec. 12, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Oma will be truly missed by George and all of her lifelong friends.

Oma Mikula is survived by her husband of 65 years, George Joseph Mikula; her sister Dorothy and her brother Gene, both of Illinois; and by her numerous friends all across the United States. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Howard Dale Kirkpatrick

Funeral services were held Dec. 5, 2000 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Howard Dale Kirkpatrick, who passed away on Dec. 2, 2000 in Century City.

Howard was born April 14, 1947 in Santa Monica and began coming to the Kern River Valley as a child. He even brought his wife-to-be Marian to the Valley on their first date. They have been residents of the Kern Valley for the past 12 years.

Howard enjoyed fishing and camping and was a ham radio operator (KEGGBN). He was also part of the breakfast crew at the Mt. Mesa Cafe, where he had many friends. He was a loving husband, father, grampa, friend, and mountain man. His journey was rocky but he smoothed out the road for himself and all those he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Marian; his daughter-in-law Cindy (and Mark), sons Randy and Merlin; grandchildren Devin, Deanna, Tabby, Jaz and Dez; and his brother Gene. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dana J. LaRiviere

Dana LaRiviere, 52, of Lake Isabella, passed away after a short illness, a head aneurism, at Loma Linda Medical Center in Loma Linda on Nov. 27, 2000.

Dana was born June 6, 1948 in Lewiston, Maine. He lived in California from the age of 6. Dana served in Vietnam.

He is survived by his mother Patricia, daughter Yvonne, three grandchildren of Lake Isabella, and his aunt Matilda Howes. Dana's brother, David K., resides in Los Angeles County.

Dana was active in the AA program. His hobbies were scuba diving, bow hunting, fishing and metal detecting for historical objects.

A memorial service is pending. We love you, Dana.

Frank Livingstone Hay

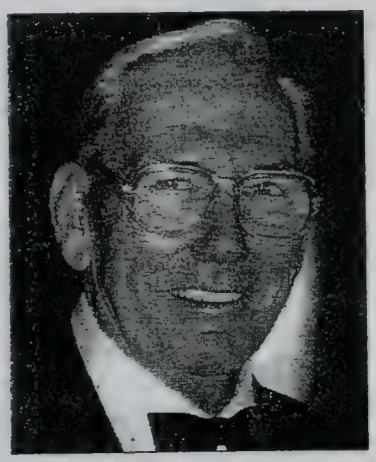
Private arrangements were made for Frank Livingstone Hay, who passed away Dec. 10, 2000 after a long illness.

Mr. Hay was born on Sept. 10, 1919 in Elmiria, Calif. He later moved to the Kern River Valley. He and his wife ran the Arco service station for nine years before its closing. He was a member of the Elks and he enjoyed fishing. He was a wonderful husband and father, very loving and supportive and always gave unconditional love to those around him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Helen Hay of Weldon; son Mike Hay; daughter Franci Hay; son Bruce Hay; and grandson Mike Hay.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.



John K. VanRensselaer

A memorial service will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for John VanRensselaer, who passed away at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance on Dec. 14, 2000.

John was born to Phillip C. and Helen May Van Rensselaer on May 1, 1925 in Port Clinton, Ohio. He served in the Navy in WWII. He moved to California in 1952 and began working for Rubbercraft Corporation in Torrance. He worked there for 31 years until his retirement in 1983, then moving to Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his loving wife Catherine Van Rensselaer; sister Virginia Thompson of Bradenton, Fla.; daughters Patty Miller, Sandy Scott and Pam and Vaugh Barr; son John Van Rensselaer and his wife Michelle; stepchildren Jean Marie Carpenter and husband

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Margie A. Pianalto

Private memorial services were held with family and friends for Margie A. Pianalto, on Dec. 23, 2000 at the Pianalto residence in Lake Isabella.

Margie was born on July 27, 1918 in Rogers, Ark. and entered eternal life on Dec. 16, 2000 at her home in Lake Isabella. Before Margie became ill she loved to sew and go fishing with friends and family. She knew no stranger when it came to cooking and took a lot of pride in doing it. She also liked to do gardening and just being outdoors. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley from Pacoima over 20 years ago.

Margie was preceded in death by her husband James in 1996 and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Shirley and Carl Schlitz of Tehachapi; son and daughter-in-law Duane and Linda Pianalto of Rowlett, Texas; grandchildren Todd Schlitz stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Danny Pianalto and family of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Tracy Clark and family of Alba, Texas; and six great-grandchildren. She is loved and missed by family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Lillian L. Randall

Lillian L. Randall ("Lil on the hill") passed away on Dec. 19, 2000.

She was born Lillian Lucy Gardner on Dec. 2, 1923. She graduated from Schoharic High School at age 16 in 1940 and received a B.A. degree from Kansas State Teachers College in 1944. She then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was sent overseas to Karachi, India, and served on the base's newspaper.

Lillian met John (Jack) Randall in Karachi in 1945 and they were married May 21, 1946 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

They moved to New York in 1947 while Jack went to the Modern School of Photography in New York City. She worked for both Schenectady newspapers and the Cobelskil News as a local reporter.

They moved to Inglewood, Calif. in 1954 and Lillian was active in the local League of Women Voters and the PTA.

She started teaching adult education in the Inglewood School District and later in the Torrance School District. Then she went back to school and got a master's degree in English from Dominguez College.

Lillian retired in 1984 to Wofford Heights. She joined the Ladies of the Elks and did the publicity for six years with her husband.

The Randalls are known for their annual Fourth of July parties where as many as 100 people attended.

Lillian is survived by her husband, John H. (Jack) Randall; son Christopher

Frank Livingstone Hay

Private arrangements were made for Frank Livingstone Hay, who passed away Dec. 10, 2000 after a long illness.

Mr. Hay was born on Sept. 10, 1919 in Elmiria, Calif. He later moved to the Kern River Valley. He and his wife ran the Arco service station for nine years before its closing. He was a member of the Elks and he enjoyed fishing. He was a wonderful husband and father, very loving and supportive and always gave unconditional love to those around him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Helen Hay of Weldon; son Mike Hay; daughter Franci Hay; son Bruce Hay; and grandson Nick Hay.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

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Robert James Walker

Robert James Walker entered eternal life on Dec. 25, 2000, while attending Christmas Day services at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Robert was born to Garfield and Bessie Walker in Dallas on May 21, 1913. He came to California in the early 1940s and finally ended up in the lake area in 1960. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Robert was a member of the American Legion, the Odd Fellows Club and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, of Wofford Heights; daughters Elizabeth Walker of Portland, Ore. and Mary Walker of Hillsboro, Ore.; and grandchildren Elizabeth and Jason.

Robert will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Kathryn M. Ellis

Kathryn M. Ellis entered eternal life on Dec. 24, 2000 at her home in Riverbank, Calif. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Dec. 27, 2000, and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Kathryn was born on April 26, 1913 in Rockland, Pa. to Harry and Maude Walter.

Kathryn worked for 20 years as a shipping clerk for the Roddy Manufacturing Co., which made fishing poles. Kathryn and her husband, Lester Edward Ellis, came to California in 1958. Kathryn made lots of trips to the Kern Valley on fishing and camping trips. They liked the area so well that they moved here in 1965. When Kathryn became ill, she moved north to Riverbank where she spent her remaining years at the home of Marilyn and Richard Jones, under their care.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her sisters Guila A. Pursell and Hazel J. Perry and a brother, Rodney C. Walter. She is survived by daughter Dorothy L. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Audrey G. Ellis of Lake Isabella; daughter Marilyn J. Jones of Riverbank; son Edward L. Ellis of Monroe, Utah; and sons Gary E. Ellis, Richard W. Ellis and Kenneth D. Ellis of Lake Isabella and Cambridge Springs, Pa.; 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sister Arlene G. Bastow of Manteca, Calif.; and a brother, Martin Thompson of Erie, Pa.

Kathryn was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul James Beeman, Philip Martin Beeman

Paul James Beeman, 48, and his son, Philip Martin Beeman, 12, of Troutdale, Va., died Dec. 11, 2000 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Sugar Grove, Va.

Paul was born Feb. 7, 1952, in Welch, W. Va., to Paul Huey and Effie Coffey Beeman.

Philip was born Jan. 2, 1988 in Galax, Va. to Paul and Bonnie Lynn McCarter Beeman. He was a seventh grade student at Independence Middle School in Independence, Va.

Surviving are Paul's wife and Philip's stepmother, Annette L. Beeman of Lake Isabella; Philip's mother, Bonita Lynn Beeman of Marion, Va.; and many relatives in Troutdale, Sugar Grove, McLean, Manassas, Richmond, Alexandria and Springfield, Va.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, 2000 in Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence with the Rev. Kevin Welch and the Rev. Tim Boyette officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Wytheville, Va.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ann Nelson

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 4, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Barbara Ann Nelson, who passed away on Dec. 25, 2000 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Barbara was born on Aug. 24, 1929, in Stockton. Barbara was an elementary school teacher, and "master teacher" in educators' training programs for over 23 years in Fullerton, before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley with her husband, Fred.

Barbara and Fred were highly active in our community, founding and nurturing numerous youth and community development programs around the Valley. Barbara was president of Sierra Performing Arts, past president of the Friends of the Library, active in the Historical Society, a member of the Beta Sigma Phi international sorority, a member of the P.E.O. international sisterhood, and she and Fred were named Man and Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, a distinguished award recognizing Barbara and Fred's commitment to the youth and community of the Kern River Valley.

Barbara Ann Nelson is survived by her husband of 51 years, Fred; son Fred Nelson III of Sacramento; son Eric Nelson and his wife Linda of Tucson, Ariz.; son David Nelson and his wife Stephanie of Mammoth; grandchildren Christopher and Natalie; and sisters Nancie Buscher of Eston, Md. and DeDe Andrews of Newport, Calif. Barbara will be greatly missed by all her loving family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Barbara Nelson Scholarship Fund for the children of Sierra Performing Arts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Andrew Luis Lopez

Andrew Luis Lopez entered life on Aug. 25, 1912 in El Paso. Born to Felipe and Petra Lopez, Andrew was raised with a strong sense of dedication and loyalty to his family. At an ealy age, Andrew and his parents moved from Texas and settled down in Trona, Calif., where as a teenager, he began working at the American Potash Corporation (better known as Trona's Kerr-McGee Facility.) Andrew worked from the ground up in the company, eventually becoming a foreman for the facility.

It was during this time that Andrew met and married the love of his life, Evangeline, known as "Nina." The two of them raised and nurtured a family together. During WWII, Andrew heard the cry of a nation at war and took several years off to serve in the United States armed forces. After the war, Andrew returned to his family in Trona and resumed his old job. Andrew made his family his priority in life, spending his recreational time with his family, going camping and on outings. He was a wonderful family man and he was very generous to his family and friends.

In 1976, at age 65, Andrew retired moved to the Kern River Valley, where he had more time to do the things in life he cherished, spending time with his family and with nature. Andrew was an avid fisherman all his life.

But as these things do, Andrew fell ill several months ago and in the early hours of Dec. 23, 2000, Andrew passed away and went to heaven to be with his beloved wife Nina and the Lord.

Memorial services were held Dec. 28, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, for Andrew Luis Lopez, with Pastor Ed Nuenshwaner (retired) of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella presiding. Andrew is missed by all his loving family and friends.

Andrew is survived by nine children, 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in passing by his wife of 54 years of marriage, Nina Lopez, in 1987.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Paul James Beeman

Paul James Beeman, 48, of Troutdale, Va., died Dec. 11, 2000 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Sugar Grove, Va.

Paul was born Feb. 7, 1952, in Welch, W. Va., to Paul Huey and Effie Coffey Beeman. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip Martin Beeman.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Faust Beeman of Lake Isabella; daughter LeAnn Beeman Harris, Troutdale; sons Clayton Daniel Beeman of Troutdale and Paul James Beeman, Jr. of Sugar Grove; his mother, Effie Adalaide Beeman, Dahlgren, Va.; brothers Johnny Preston Beeman, Galax, Va. and Michael Thomas Beeman, Manassas; eight sisters, Gloria Mayhew, Shirlay Scott, both of Dahlgren, Joyce Hodges, of Virginia Beach, Va., Paula Beaver of Alexandria, Va., Linda Mullins of Atlanta, Judy Sayers of Richmond, Va., Stella Carter of Springfield, Va., and Teresa Beeman of McLean, Va.; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, 2000 in Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence, Va. with the Rev. Kevin Welch and the Rev. Tim Boyette officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Wytheville, Va.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Philip Martin Beeman

Philip Martin Beeman, 12, of Troutdale, Va., died Dec. 11, 2000 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Sugar Grove, Va.

Philip was born Jan. 2, 1988 in Galax, Va. to Paul and Bonnie Lynn McCarter Beeman. He was a seventh grade student at Independence Middle School in Independence, Va.

Surviving are his mother, Bonita Lynn Beeman of Marion, Va.; stepmom Annette L. Beeman of Lake Isabella; two sisters, LeAnn Beeman Harris of Troutdale and Destiny Nicole Beeman of Marion, Va.; three brothers, Gregory Alan McGuire of Marion, Clayton Daniel Beeman of Troutdale and Paul James Beeman, Jr. of Sugar Grove; maternal grandmother and step-grandpa, Betty and Scott Anderson of Sugar Grove; maternal granddad and step-granny, Donald and Rita McCarter; paternal grandmother, Effie Adalaide Beeman of Dahlgren; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, 2000 in Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence, Va. with the Rev. Kevin Welch and the Rev. Tim Boyette officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Wytheville, Va.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Ray Baker

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Cecil Ray Baker. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Cecil was born Dec. 3, 1914 in Indianola, Okla. He attended church in Indianola for half a year before he left to help his mother and grandparents on the farm. He met Vivian Baker and they were married on Nov. 2, 1935. They moved to California in 1937. Cecil worked on farms in California for several years before going to work at the Kern County Schools where he worked for 20 years before retiring.

Cecil enjoyed fishing, camping and seeing the world. In his last years he was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had many friends and enjoyed 65 wonderful years and fellowship with his wife, Vivian.

He is survived by Vivian; son Donald Ray Baker, son-in-law Kurt Bartell; daughter-in-law Ruth Baker; sister Lois Sitterfield; sister-in-law Ozella Bell; niece Nancy Bell; niece Susan Spencer; nephew David Pillows; his wonderful grandchildren Terri Bartell, Timothy Baker, Glen Bartell, Scottie Bartell, Matthew Bartell and Kyle Bartell; and great-grandchildren Darrian Bartell, Artemio Bartell, Donovan Bartell, Christopher Bartell, Elcas Bartell and Nicholas Bartell.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bernard James (Bernie) Bulger

Bernard was born on March 28, 1918 to Joseph and Fro Lilla Bulger in Rumford, Maine. He entered eternal rest on Jan. 3, 2001.

Bernard worked for Chrysler Corporation in Detroit for 11 years. He also worked a combined time of 25 years with the military and the government. Bernard entered the military in June 1942 and served in North Africa and Central Europe. He reached the rank of Sergeant and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in North Africa. He was honorably discharged in Sept. 1945.

He was a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

One of his greatest loves was the area around the lake— the mountains, the river and the lake. He spent many hours driving in the area and enjoying the sites.

He was married to Agnes for 50 years, and she preceded him in death on July 29, 1996. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra McCarthy and her husband, John, of Oak Hill, Va.; one brother, Jasper; three sisters, Mary Van Nest and Emma Brennan of Ventura and Druscilla Breton of Rumford, Maine; three grandchildren, John Jr., Caryn and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Aidan, all of Virginia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jeannie Eastridge

Memorial services will be held Jan. 17, 2001 at 1 p.m. at the VFW Post 7665 for Jeannie Eastridge. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Jeannie was born May 7, 1934 in Glenn County, Calif. and passed away on Jan. 10, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Jeannie has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 11 years. She was a life member of the VFW and a member of the Moose. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, fishing, traveling and camping, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and all of her many friends. She lived life to the fullest and was a caring, loving and helpful person.

She is survived by her constant companion George Hays of Bodfish; daughter Debbie Partridge of Lake Isabella; son Jerry Hess of Arizona; daughter and son-in-law Tammie and Paul Hirth of Diamond Bar; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Lynn Richie of Reno; son Lonnie Richie of Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Rex Stewart and Fred Stewart of Missouri.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wesley John Russ

Memorial services will be held Jan. 19, 2001 at noon at the VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella for Wesley John Russ. Wesley was born May 1, 1919 in North Bradley, Mich. and passed away on Jan. 11, 2001 in Delano. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Gilroy, Calif. He met his wife, Anita, at a USO dance, and they were married Nov. 12, 1943 in Gilroy in a small service. They later lived in the Los Angeles area and had many businesses. Wesley spent most of his time auctioneering.

Wesley and Anita moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974. His greatest service was here in the Valley where he did a lot of volunteer work, with hospital visits, driving vets to the VA hospital and other places. At the time of his passing he was DAV District Commander in charge of Central California.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Anita Russ of Wofford Heights; daughter Darlene Meek of Bishop; son John Russ of Wofford Heights; daughter Ruby Matlock of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Denise Jarick, Gina McCollough, Alicia Petty and Alex Matlock; and three great-grandchildren, Steven Jarick, Shandra and Logan McCollough.

He will be missed by so many.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kathryn M. Ellis

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Kathryn was preceded in death by her sisters Guila A. Pursell and Hazel J. Perry and a brother, Rodney C. Walter. She is survived by daughter Dorothy L. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Audrey K. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Marilyn J. Jones of Riverbank; sons Edward L. Ellis of Monroe, Utah, Gary E. Ellis of Cambridge Springs, Pa., and Richard W. Ellis and Kenneth D. Ellis of Lake Isabella; 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sister Arlene G. Bastow of Manteca, Calif.; and a brother, Martin Thompson of Erie, Pa.

Kathryn was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dorothy Frances Pursley

Memorial services for Dorothy Pursley were held on Jan. 6, 2001 at the Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa. Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church officiated.

Dorothy worked 36 years for the Owens Illinois Glass Company as an inspector in the Los Angeles area. She was a resident of Weldon since 1988.

Dorothy is survived by Billey Joe, her husband of 21 years; her daughter and son-in-law Gloria and Dennis Maness of So. San Francisco; sister Margie Paige of Klamath Falls, Ore.; aunt Freda Horn of Doris, Calif.; uncle Calvin Droege of Hemet, Calif.; uncle Leroy Droege of Minneapolis; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Estella Christina (Connie) Gadberry

Estella Christina (Connie) Gadberry was born on Oct. 21, 1916 to Alfred and Elise Donath. Estella came to California in 1931 and lived in Long Beach for several years. She later moved to Bakersfield in 1934.

Estella met and married Lee Gadberry in 1936. Estella worked at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, as a Civilian Applicant Tester. Together they moved to the lake area in 1975.

Estella entered into rest at Kern Valley Hospital on Dec. 30, 2000. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club, as well as the Rod and Gun Club in the lake area. She was an outgoing person and made friends of all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Gadberry of Wofford Heights. She will be greatly missed by family and friends who loved her and knew her.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake

Edna Mae Horn

Edna Mae Horn was born on May 28, 1909 in Ben Lomond, Calif., and passed away on Dec. 24, 2000. She was 91 and lived in Kern County for 90 years.

Edna moved from Bodfish to Piute Mountain in 1950. She was a postmistress at Claraville on Piute Mountain, and also at Bodfish. She worked in post offices in Kernville and Miracle Hot Springs. She was owner and cook at the sawmill on Piute Mountain. She cooked 15 years at Miracle Hot Springs. She was head clerk of the election board 15 years in Bodfish and Kernville.

Edna was a charter member of the Kern River Valley Woman's Club. She was a member of the El Tejon Parlor of the Native Daughters of California since 1931. She was a member of TOPS for many years and held several offices. She was a member of Sarah Gooch Ceramics for many years. Edna was very talented and especially enjoyed crafts.

Edna was married 40 years to Oakley R. Horn, and was widowed 23 years. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Marjorie McCoy of Bakersfield and Frances Sceales of Geyserville, Calif.; and her parents, Ralph and Anna Hobson of Bakersfield.

She is survived by nieces MaryAnn Patterson of Anchorage, Alaska and Lynn Taylor of Houston, Texas; nephews Dallas Sceales of San Jose, Ralph Sceales of Geyserville, Calif. and Robert McCoy of LaCanada, Calif.; 14 grandnieces and nephews and many great-grandnieces and nephews.

She was interred at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield. There was no service.

John Morton Koontz

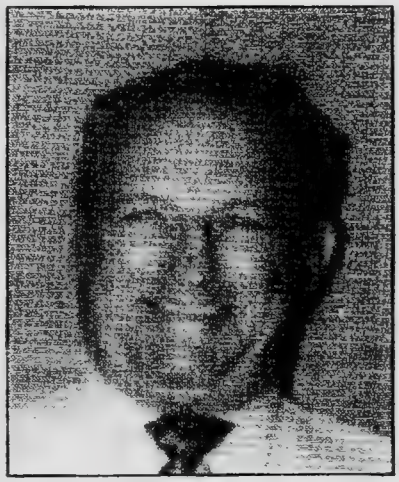
Private arrangements were made for John Koontz, who passed away Jan. 16, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

John was born on Jan. 28, 1913 in the Revenue Lease, Kern River Oil Fields, Bakersfield. He lived there with his parents until the age of 10, when they moved to Montebello. He resided there until 1975 at which time he retired from the Ford Motor Company's Refrigeration Dept. and moved to the Kern River Valley.

John was a past Governor of the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella and also a 50-year member. He was preceded in death by his son, John Koontz in 1989, and is survived by his daughter-in-law Penny Koontz of Huntington Beach; grandson and wife Paul and Deborah Koontz of Riverside; grandson and wife Robert and Kine Koontz of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; granddaughter and husband Jennifer and Jesse Crum of Sedona, Ariz.; and six great-grandchildren.

John was a great bingo player and loved to go to Las Vegas and gamble— poker was a favorite. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



David Eugene Stamm

Private funeral arrangements were made for David Eugene Stamm of Wofford Heights. Mr. Stamm was born on Feb. 26, 1922 in Minneapolis and passed away Jan. 16, 2001 at his residence in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Stamm worked for Southern California Edison for 31 years before retiring and moved to the Kern Valley in 1985. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and Shriner out of Garden Grove. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and woodworking. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years, Nancy Stamm of Wofford Heights; daughter Sandy Andres of Porterville; daughter Evelyn Coil of Lake Isabella; Annet Saul of Wofford Heights; Theresa Saul of Phalan and son and daughter-in-law Lee and Tammy Saul of Phalan and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kenneth Paul Reimer Sr.

Private arrangements were made for Kenneth Reimer Sr. Kenneth was born on July 10, 1927 in North Hampton, Pa. and passed away on Jan. 15, 2001 in Lake Isabella. He had moved to the Valley in 1981 after retiring from the city of Torrance Water Dept. where he had worked for 20 years.

Kenneth enjoyed hunting and fishing and gardening. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy Seabees. He took part in the Pacific campaign.

He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Doris Reimer of Bodfish; son Kenneth Reimer Jr. of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law David and Claudia Reimer of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Georgiann and Greg Smith of Oakhurst, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother and two sisters, Charles, Betty and Helen, all of Pennsylvania.

Kenneth was a very loving and wonderful husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Roman Albert Krusiewicz

Roman A. Krusiewicz was born in Poland on Aug. 9, 1937. He entered eternal rest on Jan. 13, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Roman was a painter by trade here in the Valley. He became an American citizen on Aug. 26, 1955 in Junction City, Kan. In his lifetime he was a soldier in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Roman belonged to the D.A.V. of the Kern River Valley and was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 7665 in Lake Isabella. Roman rose to the rank of commander in the D.A.V. He was active in helping those who were in need to be transported to Bakersfield for treatment.

Roman was a resident of Wofford Heights and was well known in the Valley. He had two sons, Henry and Michael, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Monica and Therisa.

Roman will receive a full military burial with honors at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Services were by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, with a lot of support from Kern Valley friends.

Doris Allene Pruett

Doris Allene Pruett was born Sept. 17, 1917 to Ernest and Juanita Pritchard in Butler, Mo., and entered eternal rest on Jan. 23, 2001.

A longtime resident of the Kern River Valley, Doris moved from Compton to Johnsondale in the early 1940s, where she cooked for the loggers. Her husband, Rival Bishop, also worked in the logging operation. Several years later, they moved to the South Fork and built Bishop's Cafe and gasoline station in Bishopdale, just west of the Cane Brake Inn. When the restaurant burned, the couple rebuilt it. She was widowed in 1951, and later married Robert Pruett, an early homesteader in the Chimney Peak area, and head of the highway maintenance crew, through the South Fork to Highway 14. The couple built and lived in several homes in the Valley. When Robert suffered a stroke and was confined to a wheelchair, Doris cared for him for over 10 years until his death in 1999.

Never one to sit back when something needed to be done, Doris was an early member of the South Fork School Board, and was instrumental in keeping the school open when attempts were made to close it. She also helped to establish the mosquito abatement district, many flood control projects and Neighborhood Watch.

In the early 1950s, her efforts helped people in the South Fork/Cane Brake area get telephone service. She was also chairman of the election board in Onyx for many years. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, cards and her many friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Nina and her husband William Sharp of Pleasanton; granddaughters Deana Sharp of Oregon, Jeanie Sharp of Pleasanton and Mikey Habbestad and her husband, Mark, of Valley Springs; sister Jo Merry and her husband Loyd of Lake Isabella; brother Cliff Pritchard and his wife, Betty, of Arizona; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She is preceded in death by husbands Rival Bishop and Robert Pruett; her son, Jay Bishop; sisters Ramona Rogers and Martha Wokal (all longtime residents of the Kern River Valley); and her brother, Robert Pritchard.

Services were held Jan. 25, 2001, at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Leon L. Rondeau

Private arrangements were made for Leon "Springmaker" Rondeau, who passed away Dec. 31, 2000 as a result of an auto vs. pedestrian accident in Adelanto, Calif.

Leon was born Sept. 12, 1918 in Willamatic, N.H., one of 17 children.

Leon moved to California in the 1950s, where he worked for Associated Spring Co. of Gardena— thus the C.B. handle "Springmaker."

He moved to the Kern River Valley in the early 1970s, where he was employed for a while with Starr Drilling.

He then retired to fish, camp, more fishing, travel and make more friends.

He resided in Salome, Ariz. for the last 20 years.

He leaves behind his daughter, Rita Holte and son-in-law Bill of Bodfish; daughter Candy Wade and son-in-law Darvin of Salome; daughter Pauline MacLeod of Utah; son Fred Rondeau and daughter-in-law Darlene of Hawthorne; son Leon "Bulch" Rondeau Jr. of Torrance; his wonderful friend Carol of Salome; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five sisters and two brothers, and many, many friends.

Leon was a loving father and will be greatly missed by us all.

Ardath Lois Cochran

Ardath Lois Cochran was born to Arthur and Nadine McCoy on June 17, 1917 in Coalinga, Calif. She passed away peacefully on Jan. 25, 2001 at the age of 83 in Mountain Mesa.

Ardath, along with her husband of 64 years, Harry, resided in Wofford Heights for the past 21 years.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Harry; son Gary Cochran of Apple Valley; and two daughters, Jeanette Nuttall of Cathedral City, Calif. and Deborah Zilliott of Laguna Beach. She was a loving grandmother to Tony, Jeff, Jim, Curt, Laura, Tom, Andrew, Erin and Zachary, and a great-grandmother of six.

Graveside services were held on Jan. 30, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor Jack Dilley presiding.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

David Eugene Stamm

Private funeral arrangements were made for David Eugene Stamm of Wofford Heights. Mr. Stamm was born on Feb. 26, 1922 in Minneapolis and passed away Jan. 16, 2001 at his residence in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Stamm worked for Southern California Edison for 31 years before retiring and moved to the Kern Valley in 1985. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and Shriner out of Garden Grove. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and woodworking. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Rick, Dennis and Chuck. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Nancy Stamm of Wofford Heights; daughter Sandy Andres of Porterville; daughter Evelyn Coil of Lake Isabella; Annette Saul of Wofford Heights; Theresa Saul of Phalan and son and daughter-in-law Lee and Tammy Saul of Phalan and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jannius Woodrow McDaniel

Private arrangements were made for Jannius Woodrow McDaniel, known as Mac to his friends, who passed away on Jan. 18, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mac was born on April 16, 1913 in Tulsa, Okla. and moved to Southern California and became a building contractor for many years. He built homes for a lot of stars in the Los Angeles area.

He moved to Oregon after retiring and then moved to Onyx in the Kern River Valley 13 years ago. He used to come here in his younger years hunting and fishing with Clark Gable and Carole Lombard. He enjoyed fishing for Golden Trout and also hunting.

He is survived by his sons, Ronald and Robert McDaniel, grandson Skot McDaniel and his beloved dog, Taco.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

David Consoli

Arrangements were made in Manteca, Calif. for David Consoli, 53, who passed away in Davis, Calif. on Jan. 23, 2001 of natural causes.

David Consoli was born in Stockton on Dec. 7, 1949. He lived in San Jacinto, Calif. for 4-1/2 years and in Wofford Heights for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

David was a wildlife biologist with the state of California. He was fortunate to live his lifelong dream working with and preserving wildlife. His self-chosen career to him was like being on an everyday vacation. We have a lifetime of memories of David that will last forever.

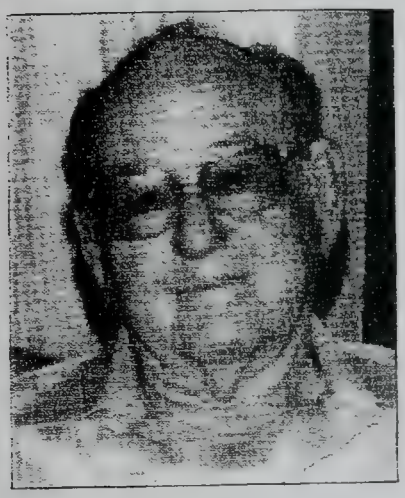
David is survived by his companion, Marian Hartman; his mother, Pauline Consoli of Manteca; daughter Elizabeth Rae Consoli of Sun Valley, Nev.; stepchildren Brian M. Hartman of Mountain Mesa, David R. Hartman of Tehachapi, DiAnn L. Hartman of Wofford Heights and Fred Clifton of Wofford Heights; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brother Tom Consoli of Brazil and sister Carolee Barritt of Byron, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Consoli.

There will be a celebration of David's life on Feb. 3, 2001 from 1 to 3 p.m. at 4512 Juniper Lane, Mountain Mesa.

Remembrances may be sent to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Arrangements were made by P.L. Fry and Son Funeral Service, Inc., P.O. Box 2566, Manteca, CA 95326-1167.



Eual "Red" Williams

Eual "Red" Williams, former 20-year resident of Lake Isabella, died Jan. 14, 2001 in San Diego, where he resided for the past year and a half.

Red was born in Texas in 1912. He moved to San Diego in 1940. He went to work for Griffith Construction Co. within two weeks after arriving in San Diego. He worked for Griffith until he retired in 1970.

He married Emma Lou Fench Williams in 1931. She passed away in July 1965.

Emma Lou and Red had two daughters, Peggy and June. Peggy passed away in 1965.

Red is survived by his daughter, June; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mamie Ethel Davis

Graveside services will be held today, Feb. 7, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Marie Ethel Davis. Officiating will be Pastor Bill Blanton.

Mamie was born Nov. 1, 1922 in Spiro, Okla. and passed away on Feb. 2, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mamie moved to California in 1942 with her husband Charlie. They lived near Arvin until they moved to Oxnard in 1948 where she started working for Port Hueneme High School. She worked there for 15 years.

She and Charlie moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981. She enjoyed camping and crocheting. She was a great mom and a loving wife.

Mamie was preceded in death by her husband Charlie and son Charles. She is survived by her loving daughter, Barbara; sister-in-law Agnes Boling; granddaughter Windy; great-grandson Logan; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

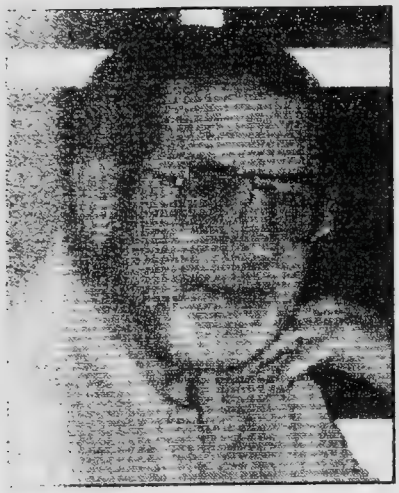
Para "Roberta" Christopher

Roberta Christopher entered life on April 28, 1920, in Pendleton, Ore. In her life, Roberta attended college and eventually entered the world of personal and business banking, going to work for Security Pacific Bank as an operations specialist. In her spare time, she enjoyed golf and traveling. Traveling was natural for Roberta, as she served as the national president of the Sigma Tau Psi sorority. In her travels, she managed to visit all 50 states as well as Canada, with her husband of 21 years, Allen.

Moving from Glendale, Calif., Roberta, Allen and their only son, Carl, moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977, settling down in Kernville. Once here in our valley, Roberta continued being active in her sorority, playing golf, and taking care of her beloved family. Some time ago, however, she fell ill, and in the early morning hours of Jan. 19, 2001, Roberta passed away and went home to be with her maker. Memorial services were held on Jan. 25, 2001 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church. Roberta's national sorority sisters were in attendance and they gave a final lasting memorial tribute to Roberta and her dedication to her family, sorority and friends. Roberta will be truly missed by her loving family, and her absence will be felt by all of those whose lives she touched.

Para Roberta Christopher is survived by her son, Carl Christopher, and his wife Angella, both of Bakersfield; and by her two grandchildren, Eric and Ashley Christopher of Bakersfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Allen Christopher, in 1982.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



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Donald Clayton Hoffman, Sr.

Donald Clayton Hoffman, Sr. was born in Peoria, Ill. Aug. 8, 1929 and passed away on Feb. 8, 2001 at his residence in Wofford Heights, surrounded by his loving family.

Donald is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sondra Monene Hoffman; brother Christopher J. Hoffman II; son Clayton Donald Hoffman Jr. and his wife Johnel Marie Hoffman; and son John Phillip Hoffman. Donald was preceded in death by son James (Jimme') Bartley Hoffman.

Donald resided in the Kern River Valley with his family in Wofford Heights since 1974. His career started with sales in the cosmetic industry in the 1960s, then on to recreational vehicle supplies and awning sales with Shasta and Carter Shade, where he received recognition as one of the nation's top 10 salespersons. In 1975 he became the manager of Rick Kieffe's Autohaus, formerly located on Lake Isabella Boulevard, which he operated until his retirement in 1980.

He was a member of the Moose at one time, a member in good standing of the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge, a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization, as well as the American Legion, and at one time served as a volunteer in the Kern County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue unit.

Private arrangements were made by the family. Well-wishers are invited to make donations to the American Cancer Society, which provides research and assistance to families of cancer patients, located at 1523 California Ave., Bakersfield CA 93304.

Robert Ivan Miller

Robert Ivan Miller was born Jan. 6, 1917 in Gibon, Neb. to Francis Miller and Edna Ethyl Bolan Miller, and passed away Feb. 4, 2001.

Prior to retiring, he worked for the VA as a dietitian. He also served in the infantry and Army Air Corps during WWII. Robert was a 12-year resident of the San Fernando Valley, and spent the last 22 years as a resident of Lake Isabella. Robert was an active member of the Odd Fellows. in the Kernville lodge.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Ruth Miller of Lake Isabella; daughters Barbara Olson of Simi Valley and Pat Freeman and husband Kenn of Ventura; grandsons Christopher Flores and his wife Bonnie and Craig Flores and his wife Irene, all of Los Angeles; brother Warren Miller of Nebraska; and sister Evelyn Robertson of San Diego.

No public ceremonies will be held at Robert's request.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors, Bakersfield, Calif.

Merle Dean Stephens

Beloved son, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Merle Dean Stephens, 69, passed away peacefully Jan. 20, 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Merle was born May 16,1931 in Ocean Park, Calif. to Duard John and Alba Elizabeth Stephens. He married JoAnne LaJoie in Van Nuys in June 1956, later divorced. He was proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force and after college spent his working years with North American Rockwell Rocketdyne and Simplex Time Recorder. Merle loved to fish and hunt and was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Merle is survived by his mother, daughter Irene Stephens-Mosier and son Andrew Lance Stephens. He is also survived by five granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father and brother James Eugene Stephens.

A Funeral Mass was held Feb. 3, 2001 at St. Mary's in Ogden, Utah. Merle was cremated at his request.

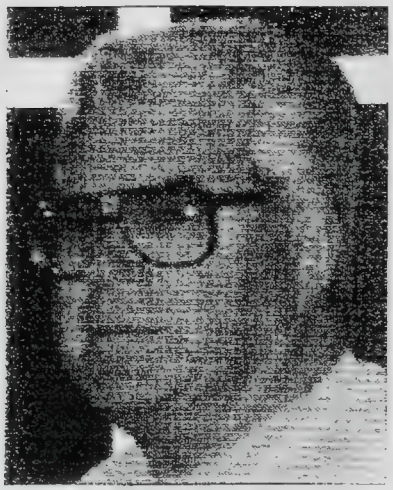
Judy Shery Hedges

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judy Shery Hedges. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Judy was born Aug. 25, 1950 in Torrance and went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 5, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Judy moved here 40 years ago with her parents and lived in Weldon all that time. She enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling and music. She was a happy and loving daughter and the family called her "the Morning Glory Kid."

She is survived by her father, Walter Hedges of Weldon; her brother and sister-in-law John and Karin Hedges of Weldon; brother and sister-in-law David and Bonnie Hedges of Riverside; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.



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He was a member of the Moose at one time, a member in good standing of the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge, a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization, as well as the American Legion, and at one time served as a volunteer in the Kern County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue unit.

Private arrangements were made by the family. Well-wishers are invited to make donations to the American Cancer Society, which provides research and assistance to families of cancer patients, located at 1523 California Ave., Bakersfield CA 93304.

[Last week the wrong photo ran with this obituary notice; this is the correct photo. The Sun *apologizes for the error.]*

Irene Trogdon

Lottie Irene Trogdon entered life on April 4, 1907 in DeLand, Ill. Born to her parents Ben and Mary Baker, she was raised in Illinois until she moved to Riverside, Calif., where she met and in 1943 married the love of her life, Arnie Trogdon. During the war years, Irene served her country proudly working on the home front at Douglas Aircraft as a "Rosie the Riveter" type of employee, participating in an era of history that later became a slice of "Americana." Most of all, however, Irene enjoyed spending time with her husband and family,and being the wonderful homemaker that she was. Irene enjoyed knitting, reading, sewing, cooking and especially fishing. In 1970, Irene and Arnie retired, picked up their roots in the Los Angeles area, and replanted them here in the Kern River Valley,settling down in Lake Isabella. Once here, Irene and Arnie were able to continue doing the things that they enjoyed together, as well as becoming members of the CB club and the Bodfish/Lake Isabella Property Owners Association. They were also able to spend more time with their family and friends. But, as these things do, Irene fell ill and on Feb. 18, 2001, she passed away and went home to be with her maker. Funeral services were held on Feb. 24, 2001 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella,with Pastor Guy Rimestad officiating. A graveside committal service was held shortly after at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. She is truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Lottie Irene Trogdon is survived by her husband of 57 years, Arnie Trogdon of Lake Isabella; her stepchildren Paul, Lee and Betty; her sisters Buelah Primmer and Evelyn Robertson; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. Irene is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding her in passing are two sisters, Helen and Mary Baker; her brother Harvan and her step-daughter Marjorie.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ruth Marsh

Ruth Marsh, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister passed away Feb. 17, 2001 in her home.

Ruth was born in Los Angeles May 3,1927. She lived in Southlake for the past 22 years.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Carlie Marsh; three daughters: Doris Parks of Southlake, Carla Pratt of Chino Hills and Georgia Ruf of Columbia City, Ind.; and one son, Nelson Marsh of Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Ruth also leaves 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

There was a memorial service Feb. 21, 2001. The family would prefer a memorial to the Shriners Hospital in lieu of flowers.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Oliver Shaw

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Oliver Shaw. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Oliver was born in Greenfield, Mo. and later moved to Pomona, Kan. where he was a dairy farmer for over 25 years before retiring. He also enjoyed gardening. He and his wife Ethel moved to the Kern River Valley in 1999 where they enjoyed the beauty around them and being close to their family. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Howard and Lionel.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Ethel, of Weldon; brother Truman Shaw of Long Beach; and sisters Janis Johnson of San Diego and Doris West of Greenfield, Mo. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Corrine Stolze Baldner

Corrine Stolze Baldner of Wofford Heights passed away on Feb. 18, 2001 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Earl Baldner; her children, Sandra Simmons of Hanover, Pa., Judith Hodges of Atlanta and Gerald Stolze of Valencia, Calif; Earl's children, Bruce Baldner of Bakersfield, Mary Beth Bennett of New York City, Kent Baldner of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Alan Baldner of Santa Maria, Calif.; sister Glaytias Wells of Wofford Heights; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends.

There was a funeral Mass at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Feb. 23, 2001. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to either the American Cancer Society (661-327-2424) or Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield, Calif. (661-833-3900).

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dolores Geneva Garrett

Funeral arrangements were made for Dolores Geneva Garrett of Weldon, who passed away Feb. 20, 2001.

Mrs. Garrett was born March 5, 1924 in Clinton, Iowa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She and her husband moved to the valley after their retirement. She was a chef for over 30 years. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and was a member of the VFW and the South Fork Woman's Club.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Harry, in October 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Mardella and her husband Raleigh King of Eldora, Iowa; brother-in-law William and his wife Beverly Garrett of Riverside; sister-in-law Nelda Densmore of San Jose; and many nieces and nephews and friends. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Lee Reynolds

Richard Lee Reynolds was born in Mandan, N.D. on August 3, 1933 and passed away Feb. 18, 2001 at his home in Weldon after a fight with cancer.

Richard retired from the Navy after 20 years. He also worked as a welder and truck driver after his Navy service. Richard (Dick) was an active member of the Eagles lodge and the VFW.

Richard is survived by his wife of 37 years, Esther; stepson Walter Wright; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers; 3 sisters; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nephews; nieces; and many friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Cremation took place and there will be no services at the request of the family.

Gary Wayne Sarvis

Gary Wayne Sarvis was born Nov. 27, 1944 and passed away Jan. 18, 2001 of a heart aneurysm.

Gary left behind his loving wife of 34 years, Lucille Bernice Sarvis, his two wonderful children, Carolyn Nadine Sarvis-Baker (grandkids Kevin and Brittany Baker) and Pamela Suzanne Sarvis-McCoy (husband Mark McCoy, and his three cats, Bridget, Patches and Big Guy. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Mason Robert Wilson Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Terry Tyner and Deborah Walser; and mother and father-in-law Lucille Bernice and Lee Laitz.

It is a time of sorrow, but a sigh of relief that Gary is no longer suffering. Gary was a special personwho was loved very much by his family and friends.

Blanche Loraine Lewes

Blanche Loraine Lewes was born July 17, 1912 in Lorraine, Calif. Blanch was the first girl born there. She passed away on Feb. 27, 2001 at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

She is survived by her spouse and family. A memorial will be held for family and friends.

Wahneetah Trovillion Harmack Donaldson

Wahneeta Donaldson passed away on Feb. 22, 2001. She slipped away during a blissful afternoon slumber to the heaven of which she so often dreamed.

She lived a long, happy and exceedingly productive life: a mother of three, the loss of one she mourned deeply until her final day on this earth; the grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of two. In addition, she was a life-long scholar, a notable poet, a sister, a Sunday School teacher, a mentor, a loving wife, a savior of abandoned animals, a fantastic cook, a devoted friend, a stunningly beautiful woman, a dedicated correspondent, a family historian, a gentle caregiver, a devout Christian learned of many religions, a cultivator of beautiful places and a lover of the earth.

Her family and friends mourn her loss yet rejoice for the manner of her departure and for her arrival in heaven.

She is survived by two sisters, her adoring husband, two sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was scheduled for March 2, 2001 at [illegible] Baptist Church in Weldon, at 1 p.m. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in her honor to Faculty Honors Scholarship through Cerro Coso College's Fire Mountain Foundation. Please contact Diane Mourton at (760) 384-6320 for more information.

Lucille Mildred Matthews

Graveside services were held Feb. 23, 2001 for Lucille Mildred Matthews at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Father Patrick Persinger.

Lucille was born May 19, 1911 in Creston, Iowa and passed away on Feb. 16, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

She and her loving husband of 57 years, John, have lived in the Kern Valley for ten years.

She is survived by her husband, John Matthews of Kernville; niece and husband Patricia and John Fruen of Vista, Calif.; niece Linus Ingle of Whittier; and niece and husband Emily and Howard Pomeroy of Apple Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nora Louise Gill

Louise (Lou) Gill was born in Roodhouse, Ill. on Nov. 8, 1937 and passed away on Feb. 11, 2001 at UCLA Cancer Center after a hard-fought but losing battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bob; one daughter, Sherry; four sons, Steven, Michael, Russell and Richard, all of whom live in the L.A. area; her mother Elinor Carmean and sister Barbara Lebro of Kernville; and a brother, Terry Carmean of Alton, Ill.

She and her husband, Bob, moved to Kernville in 1988 and operated a small business. Lou was a member of the Kern River Valley Art Association and served as treasurer and president. She was also a member of the Ladies of the Elks and the Kernville Chamber of Commerce. She was a beloved wife and mother and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be performed by the Ladies of the Elks, followed by a luncheon on March 10, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. All her many friends are invited to attend.

Clifford Henry Jones

Clifford was born in Gramby, Mo. on Feb. 4, 1925 to parents Darius and Jessie Jones. He was home schooled by his father. At the age of 16 he joined the Navy, and was discharged with honors in 1945 at China Lake Naval Weapons Center after serving 18 months active duty in WWII. He served in both theaters during the war.

Clifford married Joyce R. Wilson when he was 20 years young, and to that union was born two sons, Clifford N. and Keith Jones. They adopted a daughter, Deborah R. Jones, who preceded him in death. Clifford was a professional auto body repairman for over 50 years. He had a shop in Wofford Heights for 24 years and finally retired to enjoy his time. His first wife passed away from cancer. He later met and married Helen. He is survived by his wife Helen and two sons, Clifford Jones of Oklahoma and Keith Jones of Visalia. Other family includes Donald McAbee of Mojave, Shannon Aurora of Missouri and Linda Burton of Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Clifford will be greatly missed.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

U. Grant Hall

U. Grant Hall was born on July 10, 1922 and passed on Feb. 22, 2001 at his home in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jean Hall; son Michael Hall and daughter-in-law Judy Hall of Huntington Beach; and grandchildren Michael Brian Hall and Tina LeClerq.

Grant served four years in the Air Force. His American flag was put out every morning and taken in at sundown, weather permitting. Grant retired from I.T.T. in Southern California. Grant and Jean moved to the Valley in 1974 and worked for the school district. Grant drove the school bus. He was a quiet man, very helpful, giving and loving to his wife, neighbors and friends. To the people at Burlington Assisted Living, Grant will not be dropping by magazines to you any more; he enjoyed you very much. Remember seeing a green car or blue truck that went 10 mph with a golden lab and a big sheepdog in the back? That was our Grant. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Fred Dodds

Fred Dodds passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on March 5, 2001, with his family close by his side.

Visitation for Fred was held at Valley Mortuary on March 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Funeral services were held on March 10, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Mark Buenafe officiating. A graveside committal followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Fred was born on June 1, 1920, in Dallas, S.D. In 1946 Fred arrived at a beautiful place on the Kern River best known as Miracle Hot Springs, with his bride Ruby, and decided to call it home.

Fred Dodds gave generously to the Kern Valley. Fred was a trustee and member of the Board of Directors at Kern Valley Hospital from 1968 through 2000. He was a Life Member of the V.F.W. Post 7665 and was a past commander of District 10 and also District Commander. He was Past Commander and Past District Commander of the DAV. He also belonged to the American Legion. He was a member of the KRV Historical Society, the Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners and the Highland Chapel church.

Fred is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ruby, his sons Michael and Randy and daughter Colleen, and his son-in-law Richard Brun. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Debra Cook, Jamie Neill and Sheena and Ryan Dodds; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Tessa, Tara, Branden and Alyssa; and his sister Mabel Heitman of Anaheim. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, George and May Dodds; sisters Ruth, Florence and Lucille; and brothers Wallace, Albert and Ray.

Memorial donations can be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bernice Juanita Smith

Funeral services were held on March 9, 2001 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Bernice J. Smith. Officiating was Pastor Preston North. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Bernice was born March 18, 1931 in Colliersville, Tenn, and went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Bernice was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 23 years. She enjoyed playing the guitar and garage-saleing and her doll collection. Her marrage to Jay B. was vibrant and happy. They enjoyed spending time together.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda, in 1999. Bernice is survived by her loving husband, Jay B. Smith of Wofford Heights; her daughters Linda Hunt of Texas, Arlene Watson and her husband George of Bakersfield and Robin Moore and her husband Jerry of Bakersfield; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her brother and sister Dave and Mae of Tennessee. Bernice will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Joel D. Moore

Private arrangements were made for Joel D. Moore, who passed away March 1, 2001 at his home in Weldon. Joel was best known in the Valley for his expert masonry work, which he has done for the last 35 years.

Born in Bell, Calif., Joel was 72 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Moore; sons Don, Steve and Chris Moore; daughter Pam Franks; grandchildren Eric, Tami, Brandon and Amber Moore and Chad Franks; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Guy LeRoy Chancey

Guy LeRoy Chancey, beloved husband and father, was born in Bryant, Okla. on Sept. 26, 1916 and passed away March 7, 2001. Guy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Angelina of Mountain Mesa; daughter Trina Craddock of Lake Isabella; grandson Skyler Craddock of Lake Isabella; son Bruce Chancey; brothers Ted and Donald Chancey; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held March 13, 2001 at the Masonic Temple in Kernville.

Guy and Angelina have been residents of Mountain Mesa for the last 20 years. Guy was a Past Master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge, a member of the Al Malaikah Shrine Club and Ambassador to the Al Malaikah Potentate, a member of the Bakersfield Scottish Rite, Grand Lectern to the Grand Royal Arch Masons, and belonged to many other organizations.

The family would prefer a memorial to the Shriners Hospital for Children in lieu of flowers. He was loved by all and will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Keith T. Rowe

Keith T. Rowe, beloved husband and father, passed away on March 1, 2001, at his home after a long fight with cancer.

Keith served with the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean conflict, and worked as a mechanic after his Army service.

Keith is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sue; son William D. Anderson of Bakersfield; daughter JoAnn Trauthoff and her husband Lance of Lake Isabella; daughter Patricia Carrico and husband Scott of Gooding, Idaho; mother Marie Rowe of Allegan, Mich.; brother William Rowe and his wife Yoshii Watai of Anchorage; sister Mary Elizabeth Vandenberg of Allegan, Mich.; sister Margie Lee French and her husband Richard of Washougal, Wash.; seven grandchildren; four stepgranchildren, a niece and two nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, William Rowe.

Cremation took place; there were no services at his request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

John Thomas Marsh

John Thomas Marsh was born in Armstrong, B.C., Canada, on Aug. 16, 1916. He passed away on March 5, 2001 at Beverly Convalescent Home in Shafter, Calif. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joyce Rachel Marsh; daughter Barbara Spann; brother Malcolm; sister Jeanette Philhower; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Leroy Marsh.

John's family moved from Canada to Ellsworth, Wisc., when he was two years old and later moved to Minnesota, where he finished high school at Waterville High School. John married Joyce in 1937, moved to California in 1941. He served in the United States Army in WWII, and then went into the building business. He retired in 1978 and moved to Wofford Heights, where he lived for 23 years. John was a member of the Kern River Valley Historical Society and the Death Valley 49'ers. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and being on the lake with his boat. John was stricken with Alzheimer's disease in 1997.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society or the National Alzheimer's Disease Foundation, P.O. Box 64421, Saint Paul, MN 55164-9355.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Beliva Smith

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Her husband, William F. Smith, passed away at age 93 in July 1995.

Surviving her are one brother, Ted Donelson of Hawaii; a sister, Betty Lollis of Oklahoma; two sons, William F. Smith, Jr. of Weldon and Billy Ray Smith of Cortez, Colo.; four daughters, Vivian Short of Weldon, Joyce Oliver of Cottonwood, Ariz., Norma Hitchcock of Upland, Calif. and Roxie Collins of Springfield, Ore.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was loved by all and will be missed. God bless them both.

Keith T. Rowe

Keith T. Rowe, beloved husband and father, passed away on March 1, 2001, at his home after a long fight with cancer.

Keith served with the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean conflict, and worked as a mechanic after his Army service.

Keith is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sue; son William D. Anderson of Bakersfield; daughter JoAnn Trauthoff and her husband Lance of Lake Isabella; daughter Patricia Carrico and husband Scott of Gooding, Idaho; mother Marie Rowe of Allegan, Mich.; brother William Rowe and his wife Yoshii Watai of Anchorage; sister Mary Elizabeth Vandenberg of Allegan, Mich.; sister Margie Lee French and her husband Richard of Washougal, Wash.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, William Rowe.

Cremation took place; there were no services at his request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

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Victor George Gibbard

A memorial service was held March 23, 2001 at the Kernville Masonic Lodge No. 827 for Victor George Gibbard. Officiating was Bo Williams.

Mr. Gibbard was born May 2, 1920, in London, England and passed away March 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. He served during WWII in the RAF as a fighter pilot and received the Victoria Cross given to him by the Queen. He retired in 1980 from Qualtron Aircraft after 20 years with them, and he and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985.

He enjoyed building model railroad trains, airplanes and doll houses. He also enjoyed flying and taking his family on trips in his Cessna. He and Marge enjoyed traveling the world with frequent trips to England, China and Egypt.

He was a volunteer at the Senior Center and the hospital. Victor was a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Marge; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Charles Laatz of Nesbit, Miss.; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Ginger Gibbard of Taft; grandchildren Robert Laatz, David and wife Debbi Laatz, Jennifer and husband Bryan Coch, David and wife Khristi Gibbard, and Darlene Gibbard; and great-granddaughter Sara Lauren Laatz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Masonic Scholarship Fund at the Kernville Lodge. Victor will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

John R. Rogers

John R. Rogers, a.k.a. "Animal John," lost his battle with cancer on March 20, 2001. John was a wonderful father, husband, son and grandfather. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, his mother and father, and 21 grandchildren.

John graduated from Kern Valley High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Pueblo crisis and in Vietnam.

After his return to the Kern Valley he worked as a chef and was a strong figure in the community.

All friends are welcome to join the family at memorial services at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on March 30, 2001 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the VFW Post No. 7665.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Alva Blaine Bearden

Alva Blaine Bearden entered life on Sept. 21, 1912, in Meddleton, Ark. Born to his parents William and Nancy, he was raised with traditional southern family values, values he passed on to his loving family throughout the years.

Blaine was a wonderful, loving family man. He was called Grandpa by many people who knew and loved him. During WWII, Blaine served our country in the private sector, working as a welder, building ships for the war effort. After the war, Blaine worked for U.S. Steel, and for most of his marriage to his beloved wife Jessie, he lived in Norwalk, Calif. Eventually, Blaine and Jessie retired, later moving to the Kern River Valley in 1993, settling down in Mountain Mesa. Blaine enjoyed reading the Bible and was an active member of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. But as these things do, Blaine fell ill and passed away at home with his loving family and friends close by. Funeral services were held on March 24, 2001, at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, with interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Blaine will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Alva Blaine Bearden is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jessie Bearden; his son Wayman Bearden and his wife Teri; his daughter Nancy Norton and her husband Fred; his grandchildren Steve Bearden, Cindy Healy, Bobby Norton, Jim Norton and his wife Debbie, Gary Norton and Ron Norton; great-grandchildren Becky and Jennifer Norton; and a new grandchild to be born this year. Also surviving him is his 95-year-old sister, Dorothy Walker, lots of nieces and nephews who loved their favorite uncle, family on mom's side that loved him as a brother, and especially his friends of 52 years, John and Louise Krueger. We will all miss you.

Robert A. Stewart

Robert A. Stewart was born in Scotia, N.Y. in 1937 to William Clark Stewart and Ann Stewart, and passed away March 10, 2001.

Robert's mother left when he was young and his father remarried. Robert enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 18, and was stationed at Quantico. Robert married in June of 1958 in Washington, D. C. He was discharged from the Marines in 1960 and resided in Washington, D. C. until 1961. When he moved back to his hometown of Scotia in 1962 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was divorced and remarried and divorced again.

As his firstborn son, I always stayed in touch with my father over the years and visited as often as I could. I believe that the proudest moment in my father's life was being able to pin my anchors when I made Chief. It was for me. My father retired as a first class petty officer, but he will always be the Captain to me. As a token of my love for you, dad, I promote you to Chief.

I would like to thank my family, friends of my father, the pastor, the funeral director, the VFW post, the towns of Kernville and Wofford Heights, and all the efforts and planning my wife, Deb, has done to make the service possible for my father.

Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family.

Melvin J. Pierce, Jr.

Melvin was born June 24, 1936 and passed away from cancer March 17, 2001. He leaves behind his brother Ray Pierce; son David; daughter Donna Bock; stepson Charley Stevens; five grandchildren; four cousins; and an aunt and an uncle. Mel's wife, Helen, preceded him in death Feb. 9, 1999.

Mel came to Lake Isabella about 12 years ago and really enjoyed it up here so much. He was a member in good standing of the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He served three years in the Navy and became an avid ham radio operator. Mel was a machinist and camera repair technician all his life and was also a member of the Bakersfield Muzzle Loaders.

A memorial service was held March 24, 2001 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Yves Monnier officiating. In lieu of flowers, it was requested by Mel that donations be made to the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box XX, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Mel's favorite Scripture was Matt. 7:23: "Miss me but let me go."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

Alice Gertrude Burkhart

Alice Gertrude Burkhart was born in New Jersey on Jan. 13, 1918 to Albert and Sara Lewis. The family relocated to the Pasadena-Monrovia area in California when she was three weeks old. There she lived with her parents and one younger brother, Ernie, until she married Irwin Burkhart in June, 1937.

The Burkharts made their home in Antelope Valley where they raised three children. She and Irwin worked together in his Building Contractor's business. She also worked for Bob Hope as a foreperson on a tract of homes being built in Palmdale, owned and operated a candy and gift shop, and ran a Western Union telegraph office.

In 1957 they sold all their businesses and moved to Independence where they bought two pack stations— the Sequoia Kings Pack Trains out of Onion Valley, and the Kennedy Meadows Pack Trains and Jordan Hot Springs on the Kern Plateau. There they spend their summers with their children and grandchildren until they sold the pack trains in 1983.

In 1963 they moved to the Kern River Valley. In 1975 they leased the old Onyx Store and ran it as a family business until 1986. At this time, Irwin continued his contracting business and they moved to Sacramento and lived there until he died in 1991. Alice returned to Kernville where she lived close to her family until she died on March 22. 2001.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Irwin; her daughter, Lois Jean; and great-grandsons Steven Rico Yanez and Devon John Tavernier. Alice is survived by her son, Robert Burkhart, daughter Carol Logsdon, granddaughters Wanda Avis and Lynnette Woolwine of Kernville, grandson Leigh Burkhart of Barstow, granddaughters Charlene Tavernier of Washington, Sheila Burkhart of Florida, and Roxanna Burkhart of Texas, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will take place at Kernville Southern Baptist Church on March 30, 2001 at 10 a.m. Alice was a very loving and giving person in her church and to her family and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Valley mourns loss of area leader Bo Williams

By Marsha Smith
Kern Valley Sun

Prominent Valley resident, community leader and business owner "Bo" Williams, passed away suddenly March 27. He was 76. Bo, along with his wife of 51 years, Margaret, ran the popular Paradise Cove Lodge and Restaurant on Highway 178 between Lake Isabella and Mountain Mesa.

Bo was extremely active in the community and had a heartfelt insight as to the potential growth this valley could achieve. The word "help" was a huge part of what Bo was all about, and when Bo attached himself to any endeavor he was there to make sure it could and would be done.

He cared deeply for the youth of our valley and was greatly motivated to see to it that our young people accomplished their goals and dreams.

Bo served as a board member for the Kernville Unified School District for 13 years and was a key player in the inception of the Kern Valley High School Bronc Boosters. Their annual steak dinner was his brainchild and in the beginning was held on the tennis courts at Paradise Cove Lodge. At that time the Bronc Boosters gave out a special award and Bo and Margaret were named "Mom and Pop Boosters of the Year." He was also sincerely concerned about the welfare of our senior citizens and was instrumental in establishing the Exchange Club's Senior Outreach

program.

Bo was a charter member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, which benefits youth. There wasn't a fund-raiser or function benefiting our valley's young people that Bo wasn't either involved in or contributed to in some form. Bo was honored in 1986 with the Exchange Club's "Book of Golden Deeds" for his unselfish and self-sacrificing community service with little

thought or care for personal recognition.

He was a member of the Masonic Family and he held all his Masonic brothers close to his heart. Bo served as Master for Lodge No. 827 in 1973. Bo was also an active member of the Lake Isabella/Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce (and was their Man of the Year one year) and the Kern County Board of Trade.

Born Robert Wesley Williams in Goliad, Texas in 1925, Bo was the fourth of seven children. At his memorial service, it was stated that "Bo was born feet first and used those feet to keep moving for the next 76 years." His father tagged him with the nickname "Bo," short for Hobo, which described Bo's choice of dress— bare feet and the shirt tail that was never tucked in. That shirttail didn't change much over the years.

Bo's family came to California in 1942 and he joined the Navy in 1944, serving as an armed guard in the North Pacific and later Shore Patrol in Japan. It seems he never quite got over the ship's rolling up and down and could usually be found at the ship's railing feeding the fish— so shore duty was the ticket. Once back on land the slight green tinge to his skin disappeared. After his discharge from the service he enrolled in Pepperdine College as a freshman in 1946, majoring in History and Physical Education and graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in 1950. He played football with the championship Pepperdine Waves, a team formed from mostly returning veterans. His coach once said that Bo wore barbed wire suspenders, he was so tough. Bo was inducted into Pepperdine's Hall of Fame in 1986.

While at Pepperdine he was introduced to Margaret Parker by a teammate. He gave her the once over and pretended not to be interested. Two weeks later he asked her to go dancing at the Palladium, and they danced for the next 51 years. They were married in January 1950.

In December of 1951 Margaret presented Bo with a baby daughter, Patricia. Twenty-one months later Pamela was born, and then in 1961 Wesley came along.

Bo didn't like working for other people. He was just too independent, so he went to work operating Parker Roofing Co., founded by Margaret's dad, in Los Angeles from 1951 until 1965. He and Margaret moved to the Kern River Valley in 1957 where he first built a cafe at Paradise Cove. Margaret ran the cafe while Bo commuted to run the roofing company. This got old all too soon for Margaret, though, and the day after Christmas 1965, Bo put a pick in the ground at Paradise Cove and the Lodge was underway. By Memorial Day 1966, Bo put on an apron and cooked the very first steak at Paradise Cove Lodge, a Valley landmark.

Bo's dedication and contributions to our valley were a rare asset. His very last contribution was the donation of his eyes for research.

Bo is survived by Margaret; three children, Pat, Pam and Wesley; six grandchildren; and four siblings.

His memorial service was held Saturday at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. The family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Masonic or Exchange Club Scholarship Funds in lieu of flowers.

Robert "Bo" Wesley Williams

Robert "Bo" Wesley Williams, of Lake Isabella, died suddenly the morning of March 27, 2001, while working in his yard. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 51 years, their three children, six grandchildren, four siblings, and a large extended family and countless friends.

Born in Goliad, Texas, in 1925, the third of seven children, he moved to Vacaville, Calif., in 1942. He joined the Navy in 1944, serving as an armed guard in the North Pacific and an SP in Japan. He attended Pepperdine College in 1946-50, where he played football with the championship Waves. He was inducted into the Pepperdine Hall of Fame in 1986.

At Pepperdine Bo met Margaret Parker, and they were married on a rainy January morning in 1950. From 1951-65, he operated Parker Roofing Company in Los Angeles. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1965 where he built Paradise Cove Lodge and cooked many a steak.

Bo was an active member of the community and deeply believed in the potential of the Kern Valley. He served for 13 years as a board member for the Kernville Unified School District, and was a member of the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, a Bronc Booster and a member of the Board of Trade. He was a member of the Masonic family and served as Master of the Kern Valley Lodge 827 in 1973. His final contribution of organ donation will benefit children's cancer treatment and the Inland Eye Bank.

There was public visitation at Valley Mortuary on March 28 and 29, 2001. A public memorial service was held at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church on March 31, 2001, at 2 p.m. The family has requested that memorials be made to the Masonic or Exchange Club scholarship funds in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Carole Lynn Huston Williams

Carole Lynn Huston Williams passed away on March 24, 2001 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. She was 62.

Carole was born on March 12, 1939 in Red Lodge, Mont. She lived in the Kern Valley for 35 years. She was a wife and mother and held several assorted jobs here in the Valley.

Carole is survived by her husband of three years, Robert; her children Vince and Bodil Huston of Maaloey, Norway and Rocky and Vicky Huston of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Tiffany Roxanne, Victoria Lynn and Thomas Saetren; brother Bob Ranta and family of Red Lodge, Mont.; sisters Arlene Tibbets of Lake Isabella and Virginia "Bebe" Easley of Lincoln City, Ore.

Services were held April 3, 2001 in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley. Interment took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

You gave your children two lasting things...one is roots, the other wings... We will love and miss you...

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Bonewell Family.

Patricia Ann McCauley

Patricia Ann McCauley of Wofford Heights passed away on March 13, 2001 while traveling in Aswan, Egypt. She was born Sept. 14, 1931 in Houston. She worked at the Kern River Health Center from 1990 to 2000. A happy person witha positive approach to everything, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her husband Charles preceded her in death. Survivors include her sister, Karen Brustman and her husband Harry Brustman of Dallas; stepson Donald C. McCauley and his wife Jody McCauley of San Carlos, Calif.; and stepdaughter Cathleed McCauley of Coventry, Rhode Island.

Minnie B. Hamilton

Minnie B. Hamilton, 84, passed away March 27, 2001 at the Arbor Convalescent Home on Lodi, Calif.

Minnie is survived by her husband, Wally Hamilton of Lake Isabella; daughter Barbara Jean Timms of Lodi; adored grandsons Craig and Cory Timms and their wives Marriann and Sally; great-granddaughters Cassandra and Megan; great-grandsons Casey and Wyatt Timms of Alta Loma and Lodi; and many lifelong friends.

Minnie was born Sept. 24, 1916 in Mule Creek, Texas. She worked for 26 years for Sears as a manager-buyer in their West Coast division. She loved the water and the Kern River and Isabella Lake. She was an ardent fisherman and a water skier and a very talented painter and crafts artist.

For many years, she was very active as a docent at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest, lecturing on Indian artifacts and petroglyphs at schools and in the field.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Disease research.

Graveside memorial services will be held April 28, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.

In Loving Memory Delores Martineau

Delores Martineau passed away March 29, 2001. She was born June 22, 1935.

Memorial services will be held April 22, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Cascades Restaurant, 3905 Club Rancho Dr., Palmdale Country Club, Palmdale, Calif.

Walter Clayton Busch

Walter Clayton Busch entered life on Oct. 4, 1922 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. His parents, George and Elizabeth, raised him with traditional Midwest family values. Walt grew up and graduated high school in Ohio. At the onset of World War II, the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Walt joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country until 1946, where he was honorably discharged. Shortly after leaving the Navy, Walt felt the call of the sea once again and became a United States Merchant Marine. While in the Merchant Marine, Walt sailed into the Port of Long Beach, and met his future wife, Judy (Gertrude) Williams. The two fell in love and began house shopping, later deciding on one and furnishing it. And on June 21, 1951, Walt and Judy were married. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Walt retired in 1982 the first time and then after being away from the sea for a bit, decided to attend officer's training school, and became a merchant fleet captain. Walt ran many ships, and as soon as he would get off a ship, he and Judy would jump into their RV and head for Lake Isabella. In 1986, he had been out to sea for a good length of time, and after just a few minutes of returning home to Lake Isabella, the phone rang and they wanted Walt to return to Long Beach the same day and captain another ship. Judy said go ahead, but she wasn't going. He told her if she wouldn't go, then he wouldn't go either, and at that time, Walt called them back and quit, formally retiring from Maritime service.

Walt really enjoyed the lake and water skiing, although he never really could master the single ski, always being a double skier. He and Judy attended the Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella. They enjoyed traveling to Laughlin, and spending time with their loving daughter, Laura, and their special friends around the Valley. One thing Walt was very proud of was becoming a member of the Masonic Lodge. But recently Walt fell ill, and on April 6, 2001, he passed away and went home to be with his maker. Funeral services were held on April 11, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville. Graveside services were held immediately following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter Clayton Busch is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Judy (Gertrude) Busch; his beloved daughter Laura and her husband Jim; by Francis and Don; and all of the rest of his family, his special friends, and brother Masons. Walt will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Elizabeth (Betty) J. Wahlstrom

Elizabeth (Betty) J. Wahlstrom was born on July 28, 1930, to Bernie and Laura DeGraff in Chicago. Betty entered eternal rest on April 4, 2001 at her home in Wofford Heights.

She was married to Floyd Wahlstrom, and they had two children, a son, James Carl Wahlstrom and a daughter, Terri June Suoboda. There are also two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Betty and her husband moved to Lake Isabella 24 years ago to retire. Instead, she went to work at Kern Valley Hospital, where she worked some five years before retiring. Betty loved to bowl and belonged to the WIBC Bowling Association of Kern County. Betty and her family enjoyed boating camping and friends. She will be missed by family and many friends of the Kern Valley.

Elizabeth (Betty) June Wahlstrom was interred during private services at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on April 11, 2001.

Services entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Harold Leroy Maglott

Harold Maglott was born to Dwight and Anthony Maglott in Ohio on Jan. 8, 1941. He entered rest on April 7, 2001 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He fought very hard so he could have more time with his family.

Harold loved God's creation. He especially loved to work in his flower garden as well as spending time fishing. He was a very kind and gentle man who as very sensitive to the needs of others. Even in his last hours he was concerned about the welfare of his wife and family. He enjoyed life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment he could spend with his family. He had a great sense of humor.

Harold was a life member of the Ontario, Calif. VFW Post 765, as well as a life member of the Amvets Post 31 in Ohio. He volunteered a lot of hours to both of these posts. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1965.

Harold is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of Lake Isabella; a son, Albert, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren.

Harold will be greatly missed by his wife, son and wife, and his grandchildren, friends and comrades.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Tyler Garrett Madden

Tyler Garrett Madden was born into this world on April 9, 2001. He was delivered Cesarean section 15 weeks early due to complications of pre-eclampsia by Dr. Cary Shakespeare at Kern Medical Center. Tyler weighed one pound, 10-1/2 ounces and was 13-1/2 inches long. On April 11, 2001, the Lord called Tyler home. In the two days that Tyler was with us, he was able to meet his Mommy and Daddy and his grandparents. He only opened his eyes a few times, twice to look at his Daddy. He enjoyed Mommy and Daddy rubbing the palm of his hand. In the final moments of Tyler's precious life, his parents were able to hold him and Tyler left this world with the kiss of his Daddy. Tyler was the beloved son of Garrett and Touche Madden of Lake Isabella. He is survived by his five-year-old brother, Matthew Reilly of Lake Isabella; maternal grandparents Danny and Gery Reilly of Bodfish; paternal grandparents Michael and Teresa Madden of Lake Isabella; Uncle Brian, Aunt Tracy and cousin Tina Dowd of Bodfish; Uncle Sean, Aunt Denise and cousin Nicholas Madden of Palmdale; Aunt Sara, Uncle David and cousin Kylee Avant of Lancaster; and Uncle Matthew Madden of Lake Isabella. A memorial service was held April 14, 2001 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor C. Preston North officiating.

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Tyler Garrett Madden

Tyler Garrett Madden was born into this world on April 9, 2001 at 5:04 p.m. He was delivered Cesarean section 15 weeks early due to complications of pre-eclampsia by Dr. Cary Shakespeare at Kern Medical Center. Tyler weighed one pound, 10-1/2 onces and was 13 1/2 inches long.

On April 11, 2001, the Lord called Tyler home. In the two days that Tyler was with us, he was able to meet his Mommy and Daddy and his grandparents. He only opened his eyes a few times, twice to look at his daddy. He enjoyed Mommy and Daddy rubbing the palm of his hand. In the final moments of Tyler's precious life, his parents were able to hold him and Tyler left this world with the kiss of his Daddy. Tyler was the beloved son of Garrett and Touche Madden of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his five-year-old brother, Matthew Reilly of Lake Isabella; maternal grandparents Danny and Geri Reilly of Bodfish; paternal grandparents Michael and Teresa Madden of Lake Isabella; Uncle Brian, Aunt Tracey and cousin Tina Dowd of Bodfish; Uncle Sean, Aunt Denise and cousin Nicholas Madden of Palmdale; Uncle Steven, Aunt Susan and cousin Megan Madden of Palmdale; Aunt Sara, Uncle David and cousin Kylee Avant of Lancaster; and Uncle Matthew Madden of Lake Isabella. A memorial service was held April 14, 2001 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor C. Preston North officiating.

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William Harold (Harry) Miller

Private arrangements were made for Harry Miller, who passed away on April 18, 2001.

Harry was born June 25, 1934, in Eureka, Calif.; and moved here with his parents in 1966. They had a trucking business for many years and also he did paving around the Valley. He then went to work for AA Portandva in Agoura Hills for 17 years and then came back to the Valley to retire and went to work part time at Napa Auto. He enjoyed fishing, watching sports and dancing. He was a member of the Elks.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Darline; daughter Linda Miller of Eureka; stepdaughter Adena Rich and her husband of Washington; stepsons Dean Julian and his wife Lolita of Madera, and Randy Belluci of Hayfork,Calif.; stepdaughters Dana Blank of Trubocho Canyon, Calif., and Lori Sanders and her husband of Ridgecrest; sister Gurildene Carlson of Eureka; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Pittman Daniel Kelley

A memorial service was held April 19, 2001 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Pittman Kelley, who passed away at his home on April 13, 2001.

Pittman moved to the Kern River Valley with his wife, Anna, in 1974 after retiring from Downey Dodge. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Area campaign medal and was a member of the Ancient Order of the Deep. He was a member of the VFW and the Masons and Shriners. He was also active in three C.B. clubs and was known as Pitstop. He was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Pittman enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and motorcycles. He was active into his 70s in these sports. He and Anna liked to go to Yuma, Ariz. in the winter and camp. Pittman was a very kind man and a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna and his son Bobby Gene Kelley. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Buddy Lee and Laurie Kelley of Santa Maria; sisters Ailene Inman Hayes and Grace Shue; grandchildren Debbie Thompson, Linda Chaffee, Daniel Kelley, Robert Kelley, Melodie Kelley, Thomas Kelley, and Donald Kelley; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

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Harold was a life member of the Ontario, Calif. VFW Post 7651, as well as a life member of the Amvets Post 31 in Ohio. He volunteered a lot of hours to both of these posts. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1965.

Harold is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of Lake Isabella; a son, Albert, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren.

Harold will be greatly missed by his wife, son and wife, and his grandchildren, friends and comrades.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James W. Manson

Graveside services were held April 18, 2001 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield, for James (Jim) W. Manson, 59, of Lake Isabella, who passed away April 13, 2001 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield.

Jim was born Nov. 16, 1941 in Inglewood, and had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 24 years. He was a graduate of Long Beach State, a licensed real estate broker and sold real estate in the Kern River Valley for over 15 years. He was involved in his church, he taught real estate and other courses at Cerro Coso College, he loved to sing and was involved in the barbershop quartet, and he worked with many disabled people in the community while he worked at Kern River Valley ARC as a Case Manager.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Sharon Manson of Bodfish; daughters and sons-in-law Lori and David Head of Nome, Alaska, and Shari and Jared Gingras of Orem, Utah; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Susan Manson of Fresno and daughter Cindy Rose of Bodfish; 14 grandchildren; sister Sue Keliiheleua of Las Vegas, Nev.; mother-in-law Jeanene Ballew of Trona; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim will be greatly missed by all of his friends and loved ones. We do know he is no longer with us but will never be forgotten.

George Adam Bettencourt, Sr.

George Adam Bettencourt, Sr., 73, died April 18, 2001, at Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center.

A native of New Bedford, Mass., Mr. Bettencourt lived in Hemet for almost a year before he moved to Riverside five months ago. He was an auto mechanic for 30 years, most recently with Mercedes Benz of South Bay.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

He is survived by two sons, John of Hemet and George Jr. of Diamond Bar; two daughters, Patty Garnett of Temecula and Lynn of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Frank of New Hampshire, Albert of Lomita and John of Las Vegas; and a sister, Betty Fernandes of Las Vegas.

Memorial services were at the Bible Fellowship Church in Hemet. Inurnment was private. The McWane Family Funeral Home in Hemet handled arrangements.

Fredrick Donald Dusette

Fredrick Donald Dusette passed away on April 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Burial was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura.

Mr. Dusette was born July 12, 1915 in Flint, Mich. While working at the U.S. Navy CBC he designed the steel mat installing machine for landing fields.

He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years, living in the mountain areas before moving to Mountain Mesa. He enjoyed the outdoors and fishing.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Elma, in 1960. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Guanda Dusette of Oxnard; daughter and son-in-law Donna and David Klipstein of San Diego; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Clara Roxana LaFountain

Private arrangements were made for Clara Roxana LaFountain, who passed away on April 16, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Clara was born Nov. 20, 1911 in New Hampshire and she and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1969 after retiring. Clara worked for Sears for 25 years.

She enjoyed camping and fishing with her husband and she also enjoyed writing poetry. Clara enjoyed working in her garden and grew many types of roses while living in Castro Valley before moving back to the Kern Valley.

She was much loved by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Albert LaFountain; niece Edith Rummel and nephew John Swandhurst; her sweet dog Tippy II; and her many friends.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Leonard Ernest "Dave" Davis

Dave was born in Holmes, Pa. on Oct. 13, 1923.He graduated from Ridley Township High School June 16, 1941, where he was in the band. He loved playing the drums. He joined the Army July 6, 1943 as an Auto Equipment Operator, where he drove trucks used to haul military supplies, equipment or personnel. He was with the 2068th Quartermaster Truck Company (Aviation). He served in France. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 16, 1945 from Patterson Field, Ohio.

He moved to California and worked for McDonnell Douglas for more than 28 years, retiring in 1982. He married Winona Glass Oct. 14, 1967. When they retired they moved to Oklahoma. Three years ago they relocated to Lake Isabella to be near their immediate family.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Winona; his parents, Harry and Pauline (Bond); and his brother, Edward. He is survived by his two daughters and sons-in-law, Norita and James Lockhart, and Glenda and Stanton Lowry, all of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Mike Lockhart, Cindy Lowry, Melody Arnold, Mitchell Lockhart, Mark Lockhart and Tim Lowry; and nine great-grandchildren. His grandchildren will always remember the trips he and "Nani" took them on, one grandchild at a time for special treatment.

After a short stay in the hospital, he died of lung cancer on April 28, 2001. He was cared for by Hoffman Hospice at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. At his request, he will be cremated and his ashes scattered at sea by the Neptune Society.

Joy Fay Wallace

Joy Fay Wallace, born Dec. 25, 1919, went home to be with our Lord Jesus on April 21, 2001 at 8:40 p.m.

She will be greatly missed by the family she has been temporarily separated from. She leaves behind in this world a loving husband, Jack of Weldon, whom she has spent the last 55 years with. She also leaves behind a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Joel Donoho of Lake Isabella. She is survived by nine grandchildren— Johnny, Blair, David, Tammy, Jimmy, Tanya, Michael, Jack and Johnny— and also 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Jackie Harwel of Bakersfield, Bernice Herbert of Louisiana and Betty Frazier of Lake Isabella, as well as many nieces and nephews, and friends whom she loved dearly.

A memorial service was held on April 25, 2001 at the Weldon Baptist Church. Officiating the service was Pastor Bill Lewis. She is preceded in the arms of Jesus by several sisters, a brother and a beloved son, Melvin Wood.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Sundy Vincent Andreas

Sundy Vincent Andreas, 84, was born to parents Willie and Josephine Andreas in Onyx on July 23, 1916. He entered eternal life on April 25, 2001 in his home on the Sprague Ranch where he had worked for 32 years. Sundy is survived by daughters Beverly of Bakersfield and Doris of Weldon, and sons Earl and Kenneth of Weldon; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Sundy had a career working at most ranches in the area. He was a native Indian of the Pauite/Tubatulabal/Monache tribes. He loved to hunt, fish and camp.

Sundy used to backpack with mules at Mt. Whitney. He had a 75-year career working with helping start team roping and helping to start the local Search and Rescue— and he always found the person they were looking for. He was a very good tracker, and at one time was president of Fish and Game in the local area. Sundy was a delegate from Kern County to the U.S. Indian Fund for California. In the 1970s Sundy was interviewed for a TV special by Charles Kuralt. Sundy was a family man who quit school to help the family. Sundy was married to his wife, Chanca, for 58 years. He was a special native and cowboy all his life. Sundy will be greatly missed by family and friends. Services to be set later. Please call Lake Isabella Funeral Home at (760) 379-1606 for details and times. Services will be conducted by Father Patrick Persinger of St. Jude's Catholic Church of Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gertrude Louise Boring

Funeral services were held May 1, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville for Gertrude Louise Boring, who passed away April 26, 2001 after a long illness. Interment followed at the Kern River Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Gertude was born Sept. 23, 1918 in Ione, Calif. She moved to Kern County in 1963 to Johannesburg with her husband, Ted, where he was a miner. They then moved to Cantil where they owned and operated the Wagon Wheel cafe, bar and gas station for six years. They then moved to the Kern River Valley, where they opened the Kernvale Club in 1964 in Lake Isabella. They owned and operated the club until 1985.

Gertrude enjoyed her garden and reading and crocheting. She was preceded in death by her husband Ted in 1995. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Frank and Peggy Boring of Trona; son and daughter-in-law Dean and Yvonne Boring of Redding; daughter and son-in-law Judy and Clark Rhoads of Bakersfield; grandchildren Robert and Glenn Boring of Trona, Denise Moore of Woody, Bob Riggs of Bakersfield and Julie Arsonault of Oregon; and three great-granddaughters, Rebecca, Shara and Amanda Moore.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Coy Loyalton Ussery

Coy Loyalton Ussery, 84, was born in Texas to Jesse and Minnie Ussery on March 5, 1917. He served his country in WWII in the U.S. Army.

After coming to California he worked for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 12. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for 35 years.

Coy loved to fish as well as loving his work. He was admired for his dry sense of humor and was greatly loved and respected by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vivian; two daughters, Joni White of Bakersfield and Terri Ornelas of Lake Isabella; one sister, Odessa Powers of Bakersfield; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Coy will be greatly missed by his family and friends who knew and loved him.

Visitation was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 1, 2001 from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 2, 2001 at 10 a.m. Private burial will be at the San Joaquin Veterans Home in Gustine, Calif. on May 3, 2001.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Caroline Duvall

Funeral services were held April 26, 2001 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church for Caroline Duvall. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis. Caroline passed away on April 21, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda McLaughlin. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Donald Duvall of Lake Isabella; brother James David of Michigan; aunt Elsie Rheese of Michigan; daughters and sons-in-law Donna and Jim O' Reamer of Lake Isabella, Jeanette and Jim Ward of Covina, Margi and Ed Bowhan of Lake Isabella and Jackie and Jim Burrows of Lake Isabella; sons and daughters-in-law Rick and Barbara Duvall of Covina and Donald and Beth Duvall of Wofford Heights; son Douglas Duvall of Wofford Heights; son-in-law Michael McLaughlin of Lake Isabella; more than 25 grandchildren; and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bertha June Kreighbaum

Graveside services were held April 30, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Bertha J. Kreighbaum. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Bertha was born June 27, 1920 in Oklahoma Territory. She passed away on April 26, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Bertha and her husband Roy moved to China Lake in 1945 from Los Angeles. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971 after Roy retired. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, ceramics and traveling, but most of all being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy in 1994 and her son Leroy in 1998. Bertha is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Gary and Barbara Kreighbaum of Fresno; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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Kenneth Ralph Bowling

Funeral services were held at Inglewood Park Cemetery for Kenneth Ralph Bowling, 86, who passed away May 3, 2001.

Kenneth was born in Mesa, Ariz. on June 7, 1914. He was an electrician— a 60-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers— and worked at shipyards during WWII. He trained apprentice electricians all throughout his working career. After the war, he worked in heavy construction, working at putting in hospitals as well as power plants (atomic and fossil fuel).

After his second marriage to his wife of 35 years, Eileen, they traveled the United States "tramping." They traveled and worked many interesting places so they could see the States and fish the many lakes and rivers. They called these their working vacations.

After retirement, they moved to the Kern Valley, where he had brought his family since 1953.

Kenneth enjoyed working in his yard and garden until he became too ill.

Kenneth is predeceased by an infant daughter and all his 10 brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; sons Don Bowling of Reseda and Kent Bowling of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; daughters Bonnie Soeng of Granada Hills and Carole Meadows of Gardena; and four grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Lillian Elizabeth Rice

Funeral services were held May 14, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lillian Elizabeth Rice, who passed away May 8, 2001 in Bakersfield. Offficiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Lillian was born Oct. 22, 1916 in St. Louis, Mo. and moved here to the Kern Valley 28 years ago after retiring. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and cruising with her family. She and her adult granddaughter went on a cruise to Alaska last July. She was a wonderful Mom and adored by her family.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Wesley, and her sister, Margaret Pardy.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Wesley and Eileen Rice of Zephyr Cove, Nev. and John and Christine Rice of Wrightwood, 10 grandchildren and 15 grandchildren. She will be very much missed by those who loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frieda Myers

Funeral services were held May 12, 2001 at Highland Chapel United Methodist for Frieda Myers, who passed away on May 5, 2001 at her home in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe, with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Frieda was born Oct. 8, 1909 in Konradsthal, Germany. She immigrated to Canada in 1918 with her mother and father and later moved to Pennsylvania where she married and raised her family. She lived in Phoenix and was employed at Ryan Evans Drug Stores for many years. Then she and her husband, Daryl, owned and operated the Del Camino nursery in Scottsdale, Ariz. She enjoyed gardening and trimming her own trees. Even into her late 80s she was willing to assist her neighbors and friends as she continued to drive them to the doctors or shopping.

She enjoyed fishing and caught more bass than anyone else. She and her daughter-in-law went rafting on the Kern River five months before she turned 90 years old. She loved the Kern River Valley.

Her husband, Daryl, her daughter Sally Lewis and her son Walter Keeling preceded Frieda in death. She is survived by her son Don Keeling and his wife Margery; daughter-in-law Shirley Keeling; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She touched many lives with her laughter and friendship and will be dearly missed by many.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

John Robert Adams

Funeral services were held May 11, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for John Robert Adams, 64, who passed away May 7, 2001 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Pastor William Sturges officiated.

John was born in Georgia July 23, 1936. He was an engineer employed by Noris Company. He loved to sing with the Heaven Bound Group.

John lived in the Valley for three years and resided in Bodfish.

He is survived by his mother, Tolbert Leah Adams; daughters Christy, Robyn and Michelle; sons Tim and Dean; 15 grandchildren; and brothers Keith, Samuel and William Adams.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Brandon Michael Funk

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Brandon Michael Funk, who passed away on May 12, 2001 after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy. Brandon was born May 11, 1985 and had just celebrated his 16th birthday. He was quite a fighter and never gave up. He was an artist who loved to draw. He loved whales and dolphins. He loved playing games, and he loved the mountains and the ocean. He especially loved his and his grandfather's hobby of model trains. He had a big heart and always cared about other people. His grandfather Alfred preceded him in death in February of this year.

Brandon is survived by his parents, Richard and Candice Funk of Weldon; sisters Shannon and Savanna; brother Jake; many aunts and uncles; and his best friend Mike Archer. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Victor Frederick Trodd

Private arrangements were made for Victor Frederick Trodd, who passed away May 19, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Victor was born Feb. 1, 1922 in Long Beach and moved to the Kern River Valley with his wife. Peggy, after retiring from Star Kist Foods 16 years ago. He was a member of the Masons Lodge No. 332 AMFM in San Pedro beginning in 1962. He was a WWII vet and served in the Pacific Theater.

Victor was a member of the Kern Valley Golf Course and an avid golfer, and also a member of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. He was a volunteer for the Lake Patrol for eight years. He was also a Ham radio operator and enjoyed target shooting and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Peggy, of Wofford Heights; daughter Geri and husband Egan and grandson Scott, all of Long Beach; daughter Vicki and husband Howard Roberts and grandchildren Cheryl and Christine and husband Greg, all of Florida; and sister and husband Rose and Don McMahan of Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation in Loving Memory of Victor Trodd, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Victor will be very much missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Violet Ann Rock

A memorial service is pending for Violet Ann Rock, who passed away on May 24, 2001 at home in Weldon.

Violet was born Sept. 11, 1914 in Greencastle, Ind. She and her husband moved to California in 1948. Violet and her husband, Charles, both worked at China Lake for many years before retiring, she as a supply supervisor and PBX operator and was also with Western Union. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader on the base and very active in the Job's Daughters and Eastern Star.

She and Charles retired in 1972 and came to live here in the Kern Valley for four months out of the year and Las Vegas the rest of the year. They also enjoyed traveling and went around the world twice before settling in Las Vegas, where she joined the First Christian Church and played the piano and organ. She taught piano before moving to California and Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her son Charles M. Rock and her husband Charles W. Rock on July 4, 1999 in Las Vegas. Violet then moved to Weldon to live full time with her daughter. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Delores and Leonard Hines; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Violet was a wonderful Christian lady and her smile touched everyone who knew her. Her family would like to thank Kern Valley Hospital, Hospice and the caregivers.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jane Blanche Pipkin

Jane Blanche Pipkin was born in Detroit on Oct. 24, 1913 to Arthur and Marie Marchand. They moved to California in 1923 and lived in Bellflower and Hawthorne and other Southern California cities. In 1961 they moved to the Lake Isabella area where she lived until her death on May 6, 2001.

Jane was a secretary for the Kern County School District for 16 years. Her love of fishing, dressmaking and traveling filled her time.

Jane was married to Fred Pipkin and was a devoted Navy wife to him until his death in 1980. Fred had 50 years service time.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Robinson. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Sarno of Weldon; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Jane is a great loss to all who knew and loved her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ellen Lucille Wallace

Private arrangements were made for Ellen Lucille Wallace, who passed away on May 25, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Mrs. Wallace was born March 4, 1919 in Orange and worked as an escrow officer and manager for 18 years before retiring. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley 16 years ago after retiring. She was a wonderful seamstress and made many of her own clothes. She enjoyed painting, crocheting and she was a great cook. She also taught herself to play the organ and enjoyed singing. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Ellen was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Ann McIntyre, and brother Richard Timme of Dana Point. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Price Wallace of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Ann McIntyre of Fountain Valley; stepdaughter Carol Muse and her husband Monty True; stepson Jim Wallace and his wife Linda; brother Robert Timme; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Charles "Dick" Wall

Richard Charles "Dick" Wall, 70, passed away surrounded by his daughters at his home in Polson, Mont. on May 15, 2001 after a lengthy illness.

Dick was born on March 30, 1931 in Polson to Samuel H. and Juanita A. (Dupuis) Wall. He attended schools in Polson and in Tacoma, Wash., and graduated from Polson High School in 1950. He worked in the woods as a young man and at Hungry Horse Dam and Kerr Dam. He started working as a technician in telephone communications throughout the western United States. He worked for Continental Telephone, residing in Wofford Heights, for many years. He retired from that profession in the mid-1980s and moved back home to Polson.

Dick had a lot of loves in his life. He loved his family and friends. He enjoyed fast cars, guns, playing pool, traveling to gun shows and hunting. He was a serious gun collector. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Salish-Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille tribes and was fiercely proud of that. He was a longtime supporter of Indian boarding schools in Montana and the West.

He is survived by his four children, Jeanne Wall-Christopher of Ronan, Va.; Teresa Wall-McDonald and her husband Thomas of Ronan; Kelly Brookbank and her husband Jake of Seattle; Charles Timothy Wieder and his wife Corinne of Auburn, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, four great-grandsons; three brothers, Dean Wall and his wife Kay of Polson, Terrence Wall and his wife Susan of Polson, and David Wall of Polson; and sister Barbara Hulsey and her husband Virgil of Puyallup, Wash.

The funeral service was held May 18, 2001 at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with the Rev. Gary Reller officiating. Burial was held at the Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Polson, Mont. VFW.

Arlyn "Babe" Stevens

Arlyn "Babe" Stevens was born Feb. 4, 1917 and passed away June 1, 2001 in Bakersfield. He was a resident of Kern County since his retirement in 1976 from his job as a civil engineer with the California Department of Transportation.

Babe graduated from the School of Mines in Socorro, N.M. with a degree in geology and worked in the mining industry in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. He served in the United States Navy, Seabees division, in the Pacific Theater and held the rank of Sergeant upon discharge from the United States Air Force. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Babe pursued his love of geology throughout his life. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, winning many awards for his skills. He was proud to be a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by two daughters, Arlyn Macdonald of Montrose, Colo. and Sharyn Correia of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Mary Stephenson of Hamilton, Tex. and a brother, Lanham Stevens of Ventura. He had five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was with full military honors at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, Cal. following cremation. Funeral arrangements were by Kern River Family Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Donald Emmette Smith

Donald E. Smith was drawn into the presence of our Lord on June 5, 2001. Mr. Smith was born May 13, 1913 to Louise Agnes (Frick) and Donald Allen Smith in Centralia, Ill. On June 13, 1945 in Muskegon, Mich., he married Gretchen E. Phelps and remained her devoted, caring and loving husband for 56 years. Together, they found time to enjoy the beauties of the mountains and streams and all that the Lord had made for them. Like the stones and gems that he collected and polished to bring out their natural beauty, his life is a tribute to steadfastness, hard work, self sacrifice, love of family, strong friendships, a willingness to help others with fix-it jobs, and an example of a man's single love for the beautiful wife he married. We are thankful for having him in our lives and will always remember all that he has meant to us.

Donald is survived by his wife, Gretchen Smith; six brothers, Delmo, David, Daniel, Dana and Richard Smith; sister Nellie Olson; and many generations of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sisters Grace Rames and Lillian Stout and brother Ray Smith.

Funeral services were held June 7, 2001 at 3 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Isabella, Doug Ernst officiating. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ruth Johnson

Ruth Johnson was born Feb. 27, 1917 in Chicago to Peter and Alfina Olsen and was called home to the Lord on May 29, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Roy, her husband of 52 years, preceded her in death in September 1989. A resident of Mountain Mesa for 25 years, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Clifford and Casey Johnson of Simi; daughter and son-in-law Norma and Richard Riedel of Squirrel Valley; grandson Michael and wife Gina Johnson and great-grandson Nathan; granddaughter Caroline Johnson; and many nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Ruth was active in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and the Ladies' Dorcas Society. Services were held June 4, 2001 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Interment was June 5 at Westminster Memorial Park in Orange County.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Gerald Abbott Schaub

Gerald Abbott Schaub was born Dec. 27, 1933 to Anton and Vivian Schaub in Colorado, and passed away at the age of 67 on May 25, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He spent 40 years in the entertainment industry during which time he lived in the Los Angeles area. After his retirement he moved to Lake Isabella and made his home in the Yankee Canyon area. Gerald built a shop and had all kinds of tools and equipment. He was very handy with tools and making things. If he saw an item he liked he could reproduce it. If you needed something and couldn't find it in one of the local hardware stores you were sent to Gerald's home where you almost always could find what you were looking for. Gerald loved to fish but hunting he never enjoyed since he didn't like to kill any animal.

Gerald is survived by his father, Anton Schaub of Lake Isabella; close friend and partner, Bonnie Chastain; sons Robert Schaub of Washington and Ronald Schaub of Idaho; daughter Cindy Dallas of California; sisters Betty Chambers and Toni Denny, both of California; 10 grandchildren; and a great host of neighbors and friends who will greatly miss him.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jerry Mack Carter

Jerry Mack Carter was born to Louis and Mary Carter on Nov. 4, 1938 in Lawrenceville, Ill. Jerry was gathered up in God's loving arms and taken to his eternal rest on June 9, 2001.

Jerry served his country in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1962. While in the service he met and married Vivian Apalatea, and had 40 years of married life. When Jerry got out of the Army, they moved to the Kern River Valley. His first job was logging in Johnsondale. There he worked at the mill from 1965 to 1977. Jerry started driving logging trucks for Carl Witten and J.J. Hern. In 1988 he bought his own truck and started another love affair, with his truck, which he called "Old Girl."

Jerry changed from logging to hauling chips for Wilson Ag. Co. His truck was his great pride, and was always taken very good care of. Jerry was always there to lend a helping hand when it was needed. He was always happy to take his son Gordon along on his trips up and down the logging road. He loved to hunt; a special time was deer season when it opened up. Jerry also loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He loved them very much.

Jerry's family consisted of his wife, Vivian; son Gordon; four sisters, Peg Foster, Penny Fox, Polly Mieure and Greta Seed; four brothers, Robert, Tim, Mike and Steve, all from Illinois.

Jerry and family have been in the Valley 50 years.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a memorial service with the VFW Post 7665 of Lake Isabella. Pastor Jack Dilley held the service with a special personal message from Johnny McNally, a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

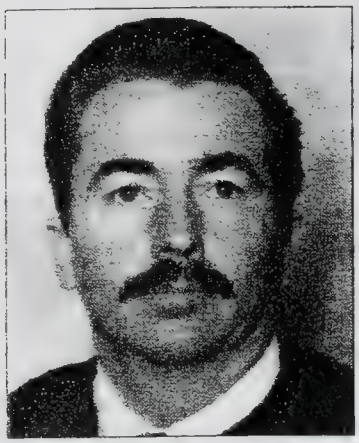
Joseph Edward Wieser

Private arrangements were made for Joseph Edward Wieser, who passed away June 9, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Wieser was born on Jan. 11, 1917 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He and his family moved to Agua Dulce after he retired from Hughes Markets after 46 years. He was a pilot and flew his Cessna for about 10 years before he started flying his model airplanes, which he enjoyed very much. He and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley about 10 years ago. They loved to go camping and boating and bowling. He was a wonderful husband and enjoyed his family.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marjorie; son and daughter-in-law Steven and Wendy Wieser of Moorpark; daughter Sandra Wieser of Southlake; two grandchildren, Kevin and Katie; and sister Vivian Trout of Onyx. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



William Melvin "Mel" Hetrick

Memorial services for William Melvin "Mel" Hetrick were held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lake Isabella on June 23, 2001. Mel was born in Mattoon, Ill., on Dec. 17, 1945, and passed away at his home in Bodfish on June 17, 2001. He was baptized on Feb. 22, 1959.

Mel's family moved to California when he was a young boy. He was raised in Norwalk and graduated from Norwalk High School. In 1966, Mel met and married Teresa Pearson. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974, where Mel owned and operated Foreign Automotive until 1981. He then attended Cypress College in Cypress, graduating from their Mortuary Science Course in 1984. He was employed by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella from 1981 until 1993, when he became the owner and manager of Ridgecrest Mortuary in Ridgecrest.

Surviving Mel is his wife of 34 years, Teresa of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law, Tania and Brian Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; daughter Melissa Hetrick of Bodfish; son Jesse Hetrick of Bodfish; grandson Travis Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; granddaughter Kayla Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mel will be greatly missed as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. A special gratitude to Dr. Mukhopadhyay and the staff of the Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center for their tender care.

Services by Basham Funeral Care of Bakersfield. For additional service information or floral delivery information, please contact Basham Funeral Care at (661) 873-8200.

Kenneth Leon Bledsoe

Kenneth Leon Bledsoe was born to Freedland and Lillie Bledsoe in Tonkawa, Okla. on Aug. 9, 1930. He entered into rest on June 17, 2001 at his home in Lake Isabella.

Kenneth served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a lover of the outdoors and liked to hunt and fish and especially pan for gold. He also liked lapidary work. Kenneth was a coin collector and baseball card collector. He is survived by his sisters Mary Schanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Seal Beach, Calif.; and his large family and a host of friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Christopher Lyn Witten

Graveside services were held June 26, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Christopher Lyn Witten, who died after a logging accident on June 20, 2001.

Chris was born March 9, 1979 in Bakersfield and spent his life here in the Kern Valley. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1997, where he enjoyed playing football. He married Jerrilyn Duvall in Sept. 1997 and they made their home in Southlake.

Chris enjoyed motorcycles and bowling and his family. He is survived by his wife, Jerri; children Marissa, James, Christopher Jr., Brittany and a new baby; his father and mother, Jesse and Pam Witten of Weldon; sister Kimberly Witten of Weldon; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jim and Jackie Burrows of Lake Isabella; Grampa Carl Witten; Grampa Benny Parker; Grampa Don Duvall and Gramma Ora Lue Husk; and many other family members.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Karen Ann Campbell

Karen was born to John and Marcia Wagner in Los Angeles on Dec. 27, 1948 and went to rest in the arms of the Lord on June 15, 2001.

Karen was dedicated in helping others and never expecting anything in return. She loved to cook and was great at making special dishes. She also spent much time gardening, that being a special hobby of hers. Karen loved nature and especially had a love of her cats and her Maggie. It is impossible to imagine the number of people she touched in such a short amount of time.

Karen will be deeply missed by her family and friends, and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Karen's laughter and smile and most of all her wonderful loving personality will always be there for us to gather strength from.

She is survived by her best friend and husband Steve Campbell; her daughter Amy Christine Tokumoto and husband Matthew; son David Sadao Tokumoto and wife Kellie; and five beautiful grandchildren, Tyler, Rikki, Tryson, Jamal and Alyah, who loved her greatly.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Fred D. "Buck" Wheat

Fred Wheat was born on Oct. 12, 1933 to Fred and Eula Wheat in Trona. Buck worked at the Trona Chemical Plant for 42 years. When he retired in 1986, Fred and his wife Ella moved to Kernville, where he went to work for the Forest Service.

Buck served his country in the U.S. Army. He served in Korea where he made Corporal. His hobbies were camping, fishing, boating and flying model airplanes.

Buck is survived by his son, Dennis Wheat of Oregon; daughter Theresa Fox of Oregon; son Michael Wheat of Texas; and stepsons Jimi, Nino and Tim Agonstinacci, all of Ridgecrest, and Joe Agonstinacci of Washington.

Buck was a loving and caring husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed very much.

Visitation was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on June 25, 2001, with graveside services following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Leland David Templeton

Private arrangements were made for Leland David Templeton, who passed away after a long illness June 20, 2001 at his residence in Lake Isabella.

Leland was born June 25, 1949 in Springfield, Mo. He moved to San Fernando, where he owned and operated the Royal Protection Security Service for several years before moving to the Kern Valley to be near his family.

He is survived by his mother, Clarabell Templeton of Lake Isabella; twin brother John Templeton of Lake Isabella; sisters Evelyn Paquet of Lake Isabella, Ellen and husband James Tyree of Reno, and Pat and husband Gary Thompson of Lake Isabella; 11 nieces and nephews; and 11 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Hilda Anne Patrick

A memorial service will be held July 14, 2001 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Hilda Anne Patrick, who passed away on June 27, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Hilda was born July 24, 1923 in Isabel, S.D. and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 24 years. She was a member of the Bodfish Beamers, a Jim Beam bottle collecting club, and loved working in her yard. She and her husband enjoyed their camping trip to Alaska. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Patrick; daughters Bonnie Love and Shirley Patrick; sisters Sally Thompson and Edna Ewalt; and brothers Albert and Rufus Badure. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Raymond and Fran Patrick; sisters and brothers Martha Schrieber, Emma Hettich, Thelma Wagner, John Badure, Vi Hagstrom, LaVon Adair, Katie Gill and Allen Badure; and many friends.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Victor Gordon Noel

Victor Gordon Noel was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on April 19, 1923 to Victor and Mary Noel. He passed away on June 14, 2001.

Victor served under General Patton in the 346th regiment in Europe during WWII as a medic. He was a member of the VFW Post 7665 of Lake Isabella. He leaves a son and two daughters—Victor Noel III of Corona, Carol Peebles of Cottonwood, Calif. and Laurie Bucholz of Chicago, as well as six grandchildren.

Victor was buried in the Arlington Cemetery in Riverside on June 27, 2001. A memorial will be held for him on July 7, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

If you have any questions about Vic Noel, please call his companion Elsie Guthrie at (760) 379-4661.

Nellene "Nickie" Martland Carillo

Nellene was born to Melvin and Aleene Mallette in Tujunga, Calif., on July 12, 1929. She entered into rest on June 30, 2001 in Bakersfield.

"Nickie" was in the lake area for over 40 years. She was a one-time owner of the Corral Cafe in Kernville. She also worked in many of the local restaurants around the Kern River Valley.

She enjoyed crocheting and many different crafts, as well as camping and fishing in the high country. She also delighted in spending time with her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Nickie" loved the lake and what it offered.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Lake Isabella; daughter Marsha Lander of Hesperia; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "Nickie" will be greatly missed.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert Henry Reynolds

Robert Henry Reynolds was born on March 24, 1926, to Edgar Charles and Zula Adeline Reynolds in California. He entered his final rest on June 21, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

Robert was an avid fisherman, hunter and gunsmith and also made stocks for guns. He proudly served his country in World War II as a merchant marine.

For many years he enjoyed his musical participation with the Bakersfield Community Theater Group. He also was one of the first Scoutmasters for the Boy Scouts in the 1960s.

A memorial service was performed on June 26, 2001 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Pastor Eric Malamma presided.

Robert is survived by his wife, Ruth M. of Weldon; his mother Lu Reynolds of Washington; son Robert and wife Doris of Salem, Ore.; son Jay of Bakersfield; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Jo Calhoun of Reno; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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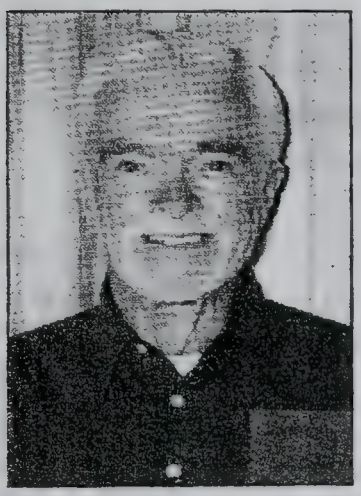

George Johnson

George Johnson passed away on June 11, 2001 due to complications from a stroke and diabetes.

George was born in Dundee, Scotland on March 13, 1921. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1941 to 1946, and spent most of the war in Algeria, North Africa. George married his wife, Jessie, in 1942, with both of them in their uniforms (she was in the Women's Royal Air Force). After being discharged in 1946, George spent many years in and out of hospitals with the TB he contracted in Africa.

George was a machine fitter by trade. George and Jessie came to the West Los Angeles area from Dundee, Scotland in 1961. He spent most of his working years with the Ampex Corporation. Jessie also worked there. They both retired and moved to Kelso Valley Estates in 1983.

Bowling, gardening and model airplanes were a few of George's hobbies. George and Jessie traveled across America and Canada in their motorhome. Every other year they would take a trip back to Scotland to see family and friends.

George was active in the Scottish clubs in Santa Monica, was chief of the Clan Mckenzie and was also a member of the United Scottish Society for the past 35 years.

George is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jessie; daughter Linda and her husband John Findlay of Culver City, where they resided this past year; daughter Denise and her husband Al Roscigno of Prescott, Ariz.; son John (Jack) Johnson of West Los Angeles; grandsons John and Scott Findlay of West Los Angeles; grandsons John, Angelo and Dominic; and great-granddaughters Hailey and Scarlet Findlay. His only great-grandson, Cameron Scott Findlay, preceded him in death in October, 2000, at age seven months.

George will be missed by all who knew him. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He was a gentle man, a "canny Scot."

Ann Frederick Six

Services were held in Albany, Ore. for Ann Frederick Six, who passed away at the Mennonite home in Albany on July 8, 2001.

Ann was born on May 2, 1909 in Greenwald, Pa. to Anton and Anna (Konklin) Frederick. After graduation she worked for several government branches from Washington, D.C. to the Navajo Indian reservations of New Mexico and Arizona. At Window Rock, Ariz. she was the secretary for her future husband's father. She served in the Army in WWII as a nurse from Australia to the Philippines, where she met her future husband. After the Army, she lived in Long Beach, where she raised her family. She helped run the family business in Lake Isabella and retired from Kern Valley Hospital in 1980.

She moved to Albany three years ago.

Ann was a member of numerous church, school, hospital and community organizations. She was the treasurer at Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella and was a member of several church committees, and she was also a member of the Heritage Commission Committee, the Bronc Boosters and the PTA. Ann was also a Cub Scout den mother.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Anthony Frederick. She is survived by two sons, William F. Six and Jan L. Six, both of Albany.

Arrangements by the Fisher Funeral Home of Albany, Ore.

Betty Jane Freeman

Private arrangements were made for Betty Jane Freeman, who passed away in her home on July 7, 2001 after a long fight with cancer.

Betty was born in Deighton, Kan. on May 3, 1921. She moved to Burbank at the age of six. She married at 18 and resided in Inglewood for 31 years. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 27 years.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Jeanine Bowers of Lake Isabella; son Clifton E. Freeman; daughter-in-law Ruby Freeman; and three grandsons, Scott Kayson of Lake Isabella and Dane and Vince Couchman of Gardena.

She will be forever missed by her friends and family.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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She will be forever missed by her friends and family.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Keith Clayton

Services were held on July 20, 2001 for Keith Clayton.

Keith was born on June 24, 1936 in Soledad, Calif. He married his high school sweetheart Mary Ann Harp on Dec. 30, 1954. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and worked as an industrial salesman for 40 years.

Keith was preceded in death by granddaughter Jennifer Clayton. He will be greatly missed by many, including wife Mary Ann; son Keith Clayton Jr. (Tig) and wife Cindy; daughter Sandy Slaid and husband Rick; daughter Lorie Davis and husband James; grandchildren Ryan and wife Stephanie, Heather and Jack Jacob, Tyler, Josh, Jeremiah, Jamie and Daniel; great-granddaughters Kayla, Taylor, Katie and Lexie; brothers Glenn and Ron; and sister Essie.

Keith was a member of the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mountain Mesa. Keith loved to paint and watch John Wayne movies. He loved his family very much and promised to be their guardian angel.

Services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Walter Thomas Tanner

Walter Thomas Tanner entered life on March 12, 1929, in Cincinnati. During his life, Walter proudly served his country in the United States Army. He later began working for Steel Craft Manufacturing as an assembler. After retiring from Steel Craft, in 1986, Walter moved to the Kern River Valley to be near his family. Walter also enjoyed playing horseshoes. His dogs were his perfect companions, Marge and Angie. Funeral services were held on July 23, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. He is survived by his mother and sister, and by many nieces and nephews. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Yvonne Jacqueline Vaughn

Private arrangements were made for Yvonne Jacqueline Vaughn, who passed away on July 16, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Yvonne was born Feb. 3, 1928 in Hanford and was a resident of the Kern Valley for the past five years, moving here from Bakersfield with her husband. She enjoyed traveling in their motorhome and became real "snowbirds" after Gene's retirement. They also built their own speedboats and enjoyed boating. Yvonne enjoyed collecting Honey Pots and plants, and had quite a collection. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Gene; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Wayne Holmes of Arizona; daughter and son-in-law Deb and Steve Harrington of Arizona; son Robert Vaughn of Ramona, Calif.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Donna Blake of Bakersfield; and her pals Macho and Taco, her Chihuahuas.

She will be missed by all.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Susan Elizabeth Ritter

Loving mother, sister and friend Susan Elizabeth Ritter, 52, passed away on July 19, 2001, at Kern Valley Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Susan was born to Liston and Nadine Decker in Santa Paula on Aug. 22, 1948. Susan devoted herself to helping all others. She spent many years working for various programs such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Buck Owens Charities and multiple community events. She lived in the Valley for the last 23 years and worked for the *Kern Valley Sun* as an advertising sales representative for 14 years.

In 1998 she was named Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding community service. She organized numerous events and was active in different support and awareness groups.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother, Nadine St. Ours, brother Dennis Decker and niece Jessie Fagan. She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Ritter of Oxnard; brothers Lonnie Decker of Santa Margarita and Daniel Decker of Heavner, Okla.; and sisters Carol Dower of Oroville, Jeanne Smallwood of Heavner, Okla., Dorothy Woods of Lawton, Okla. and Denise Fagan of Alta Sierra.

Susan was loved tremendously by all and will always be remembered. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Susan Ritter Memorial Fund at Westamerica Bank, Lake Isabella branch, to go to cancer research.

Private family services were held at her home by her family, with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home and entrusted to the Bonewell Family.

Shannon Marie Crowell

Funeral services were held July 17, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Shannon Marie Crowell, who passed away on July 14, 2001 after a long illness. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Elizabeth New.

Shannon and her husband moved here from Westminster 10 years ago. She enjoyed gardening and fishing and she was very involved in Little League and Youth Football. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and the rest of her family.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, J.F. Crowell of Squirrel Valley; four children, Michael and his wife Stephanie Crowell of Garden Grove, David Crowell of Squirrel Valley, Donna and her husband Sala Sulu of Southlake and James and his wife Maria Crowell of Squirrel Valley; grandchildren Brandon, Arianna, Noah and Cody Crowell, Cameron, Justin and Austin Sulu, and Doug Quinn and Carrie Logrande; and great-granddaughter Brook Logrande.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Around the Valley

Remembering Susan

By Marsha Smith
Kern Valley Sun Columnist

A more courageous battle was never fought, but after eight years the battle with cancer came to a peaceful end; Susan Ritter said good-bye last Thursday at age 52.

For the staff at the *Kern Valley Sun*, it was the second time we had to say our good-byes to this dynamic lady. The first time was when her illness forced her to retire in 1999 as the *Sun's* "Top Gun" in sales. It was hard knowing we would no longer experience that ray of sunshine bursting into the office on a daily basis.

"No matter how stressful or moody the staff was, the atmosphere changed within minutes of her arrival. She just had the ability to lift your spirits and brighten your day," reflected former staff writer Betsy Steele.

Susan was one of those people who exclude the word "no" from their vocabulary. Prior to joining the *Kern Valley Sun* team she worked for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as its telethon coordinator for the Central Valley. She founded and for several years was the key person in charge of the Park-A-Thon, a family-orientated fund-raiser for Muscular Dystrophy.

Bill Hinesly recalls, "She ran the very first Park-A-Thon at Riverside Park in Kernville, raising $6,000, second only to Bakersfield in funds raised that year."

Susan Ritter

"She was so excited about raising so much but terrified of what to do with that much cash, so she commandeered Bill (Hinesly) and Richard Rooney to act as bodyguards and escort her to Richard's night deposit where the funds would be stored for the night," said Vivian Hinesly.

Susan left the M.D.A. to

go to work as the administrator for entertainer Buck Owens' cancer charities in Kern County. How ironic that the disease she worked so hard to raise funds for would be the same disease to claim her own life. Even before Susan was diagnosed with cancer, the disease was an integral part of her life. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer and her young niece, Jessie Fagan, with leukemia.

The need to be near family was the deciding factor that brought Susan and her daughter Kelly to live here in the Kern Valley. Jessie's fight against leukemia seemed to be putting her on the winning side, but then she contacted HIV from a blood transfusion. That fight she would not win.

Susan became involved with local AIDS projects and agencies, learning everything she could about the disease in order to help Jessie and others fighting the same battle. Susan was like a magnet, drawing AIDS victims and their family members out of the woodwork just to talk to her. She received calls at all hours of the day and night, both at home and at work. Some sought information, others were seeking strength and comfort from her effervescent spirit.

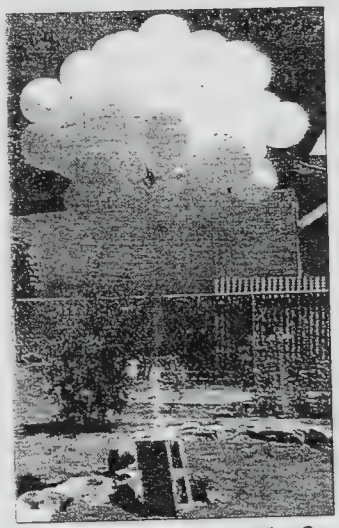
"It's comforting and my troubles are never big after visiting with some of these people and you hear what they are going through," Susan was quoted saying in a 1998 *Sun* article.

The local Cancer Support Group founded by Marlene Nelson was another way Susan shared part of herself with so many others. Her own struggles and the positive way she dealt with her own illness touched and inspired so many others to not let the illness defeat them but help them persevere. Just being in her presence folks seemed as though they absorbed her endless strength and upbeat attitude.

Susan was a very active member of our community, involved with both Chambers of Commerce and many Chamber and community events and activities. Her dedication to our community was honored in 1998, when she was named Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce (now the Kern River Valley Chamber).

A private gathering of family and friends was held at Susan's home this past Sunday. In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the Susan Ritter Memorial Fund at Westamerica Bank, 6100 Lake Isabella Blvd., P.O. Box 996, Lake Isabella, 93240. The fund will benefit the Cancer Society.

Susan is gone from us in body, but her soul will live on in our memories and our hearts. The following poem pretty much sums up the way Susan lived her life.



Suzanne Doran/Kern Valley Sun

My Journey

If I can help one person smile
In my own world each day;
Then I have made two lives worthwhile
On my journey along life's way.

In my haste, please grant me time
To pause before I speak;
So that my words to all are kind
And I know just what I seek.
— Pauline Brasuve

P.S. Susan, we put on ou lipstick this morning just fo you!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001

"A Friend Indeed"...

To Susan Ritter
In celebration of life and friendship

The time we've had has made me glad
So many years. laughs and tears.

An open ear, for all our ills
Encouraging words, both said and heard.

The things we've shared, are only ours
The things I'll miss that filled the hours.

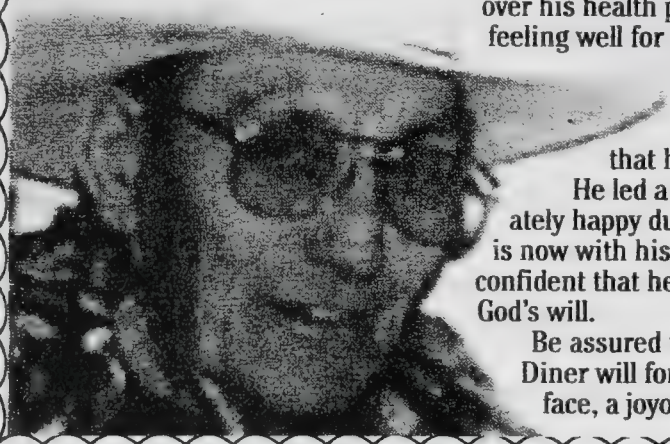
The highs. the lows, the bouncing back
Built strength and courage, that's left intact.

So with these words, as we are apart
I'll miss you, my friend, with all my heart.

Michele

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001

In Memory of Ken Bledsoe



On June 17, 2001, the friends of Nelda's Diner lost a very special friend, Ken Bledsoe. Ken was an exceptional individual that loved the camaraderie of friends and acquaintances while maintaining a facade over his health problems. He had not been feeling well for the past year, especially after triple bypass surgery, and was unable to enjoy the activities that he so dearly loved.

He led a full life and was moderately happy during his final weeks. He is now with his savior and we are confident that he is living his life with God's will.

Be assured that his friends at Nelda's Diner will forever remember a smiling face, a joyous laugh and his wry wit.

Octavia Wilson

Octavia Wilson, 94. Survived by her daughter, Jean Graham. Octavia was born into this world on Jan. 19, 1907. She loved the music of the masters, and played both the violin and the piano. She taught her love of music at the Los Angeles Public Schools for more than 25 years. She traveled extensively. Explored the spiritual worlds and shared her Love, Light and Knowledge. She passed quietly and peacefully from this world into the Heaven Worlds on July 19, 2001. Now that she is part of the company of heaven, I know she will continue to learn and grow, and give to us her Love, Light and Wisdom.

Arrangements by Heather Mortuary, Tucson, Ariz.

Raymond Ardell Drinkard

Born in Hugo, Okla., on Sept. 17, 1927, to Joseph and Sada Drinkard, Raymond Ardell Drinkard, 73, of Weldon, went to be with his Lord on July 26, 2001 at the Kern Valley Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa.

Raymond was a loving husband, father and brother. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Wanda; son, David Ray Drinkard and wife Alisa of Wrightwood; daughter Nancy Kay Drinkard of Bellflower; grandchildren David, Jared, Cory, Krystal, Elizabeth and Brittany; great- grandson Daythan; sisters Doleta, Deretha and Betty; and many loving fans at the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa, where he was a member. Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Private burial at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Scott Russell Torell

On May 22, 2001 Scott Russell Torell died peacefully in his sleep in Mountain Mesa and went to be with our Heavenly Father. He was born to Stewart Raymond Torell Sr. and Millicent Ermine Bedwell Torell on June 27, 1950.

Scott was in terrible pain from M.D. and other health problems all his life. He was forced to retire after 19 years as a grip at the studios, Local 80, as he became more disabled. He moved to the Kern Valley last August to be near his brother, Steve R. Torell, with whom he was a volunteer on Wednesdays at the Fish Hatchery until his health got worse. (He loved to feed the llamas.) He had many good home-cooked meals at Steve and his sis-in-law Gail's. He also moved here to be with his sis Sue (Sami) R. Torell, who took him fishing at Kissack and Paradise Cove, and niece Shon G. Miekle from Weldon, who was like his daughter. His eldest bro Stewart (Stew) R. Torell Jr. and sis-in-law Pattijane came to visit as often as they could from New Cuyama.

Scott is also survived by his second wife (in name only) Jean Torell; two brothers and a sister (aforementioned); two daughters, Teresa and Shelli of North Hollywood; eight grandkids; seven nieces and nephews; 12 grandnieces and grandnephews; niece Cathy J. Greene of Lancaster and three kids, Adi, Evan and Logi, got to know him and love him. (Scotti Poo we love you.)

Bro Stew adds that Scott had a very rich sense of humor and was very quickwitted. He loved building things in spite of his M.D. He was the strongest man I knew. He loved motorcycles and was able to ride until 1989 when the progression of M.D. forced him to quit riding.

Scotti was a wonderful, funloving, caring and giving young man of 50. We are very thankful he finally made it up here to our beautiful Kern River Valley to be with us. God bless you, Honi. You will be missed by us all. See you in heaven.

Memorial pending.

Lucille Mable Bartley

Heaven's gates were opened,
His gentle voice said come.
And with farewells unspoken,
She quietly went home.

On July 29, 2001, Mrs. Lucille Mable Bartley awakened to everlasting peace in the arms of our Lord where she reunites with her husband and daughter.

Mrs. Bartley was born July 25, 1905 in Omaha, Neb., making her age at the time of her death 96 years and four days. She was the only child of her late parents, William Francis Hirsch and Mable Edna Dewey.

On Dec. 12, 1924, she was united in marriage to Torrence Reeder Bartley, who preceded her in death on March 8, 1960. To their union was born one child, Torrance Lois-Aileen (Honey) Bartley, who forever joined her father on May 7, 1988.

In 1931 the Bartley family moved from Omaha to Louisville, Ky., where Mrs. Bartley, a devoted wife and mother, also raised AKC champion boxers and was affiliated with Alpha Xi Delta. Throughout the 1950s the family resided in Tucson, Ariz., where they owned and operated a realty brokerage. Mr. Bartley was also a well-known builder and contractor. At her husband's death, Mrs. Bartley left Tucson, and in 1995 she moved from Marin County, Calif. to reside near her granddaughter in the Kern River Valley.

An avid bridge player and lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Bartley was blessed with remarkable wit, humor and vitality until her last days. She lived a full and loving life and had many friends who, with her family, will miss her deeply. Surviving her are her son-in-law, Robert Hugh Collins of Tucson; three grandchildren, Collette Collins Outhier of Lake Isabella and Cochelle Collins and Torrance J. Collins, both of Petaluma, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Corinne Miller of Cotati, Calif. and Tonya and Shana Collins of Petaluma.

Honoring her wishes, no services will be held. Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jim Monroe Cooper

Jim Monroe Cooper was born in Torrance, Calif. on Dec. 7, 1967 and passed away on July 19, 2001. He was the beloved son of Betty Cooper, Harbor Light Mobile Park, Mountain Mesa, and Bob Cooper of Tolladega, Ala.

Jim and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977 (Lakeland Estates). He attended Woodrow Wallace Elementary and Kern Valley High School. He played Little League ball, was a drummer in the school band, and was a member of Boy Scouts of America.

Jim then moved to Henderson, Ky., where he met and married his wife, Karen Suzanne Cooper, and had three beautiful daughters, Shakara Renee, Ashley and Janie Cooper.

His occupation was a cook, but he could do many other jobs, if asked of him. He loved life and was a loving, caring, compassionate young man, and was devoted to the elderly. He was loved so much by so many people!

Jim returned to the Valley that he loved so much in November, to work and be close to his mother. He did spend some time with his beloved niece Cheryl (Swampe) and husband Chuck Edenburn of Bakersfield.

He leaves behind many friends and loved ones here and in Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, Hawaii and Holland.

Jim had five sisters, Carol Donnelly of Bakersfield, Patricia Callihan of Lomita, Renee Scott of Lakewood, Cathy Dipietro of Lakewood and Karen Halle of Loma Linda; two brothers, Richard Ollivares of Torrance and Michael Cooper of Alabama; eight nieces, Cheryl Edenburn of Bakersfield, Michelle Wilson of Bakersfield, Jessica Mattatall of Bakersfield, Jennifer Ollivares and Corrinna Ollivares of El Segundo, Desiree Scott and Danielle Scott of Lakewood and Cathy Dipietro of Lakewood; one nephew, Rick Ollivares of Santa Monica; two great-nieces, Sarah and Amanda Lloyd; one great-nephew, Austin Wilson; uncle Roger Cooper of Mississippi; and several aunts and uncles in Alabama and Louisiana. He also leaves behind his longtime friend of 24 years, Jimmy Crawford of Lakeland Estates, Lake Isabella.

Jim's cremation will be at Greenlawn Southwest, Bakersfield, and his ashes will remain in the Kern River Valley, where his heart will always be.

Betty Irene Vargo

Betty Irene Vargo entered life on Jan. 30, 1916 in Bridgeport, Conn. She later moved to the state of Michigan, where she spent most of her life. In Feb. 1992, she moved to the Kern River Valley from Detroit to live with her daughter. Betty loved writing poems and was a wonderful homemaker. She enjoyed corresponding with her friends and family. On Aug. 5, 2001, Betty passed away. Funeral services were held for Betty at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Aug. 9, 2001. Pastor Bert Simpson officiated.

Betty is survived by her sister Helen and brother-in-law Andrew Kszych of Florida; daughter Betty McNeal of Wofford Heights; daughter Linda and husband Kirby Gates of Hawthorne; daughter Stephanie Baty of Palm Desert, Calif.; daughter Darlene and husband Edward Wesserting; son Gary and wife Karen; son Daniel; and son Ronald. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Betty is preceded in death by her sons Richard and William Vargo. Services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Ream

Richard Ream was born in Homer, Neb. on Apr. 1, 1912 to Leon and Merle Ream. He passed away on July 28, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Hazel; sons Rod and Jon; four grandchildren, Steven Ream, Kenneth Ream, Andrew Ream and Rebecca Cugnata; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Betty Bridges, Margie Ream and Lois Goodwill; and many friends and relatives.

Richard spent most of his life in the floor covering industry. He had many hobbies— fishing, camping, rock collecting, reading and painting and cartooning. He even took a small part in a movie made in Johnsondale (the storekeeper.) He was a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame, the Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Friends of the Library and Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. He was a member of Lex and had pen pals all over the United States. He was a charter member of his union, Local 1247, and received his 60-year plaque in 1998. He will be missed by so many friends.

Mary Catherine Winham

Mary Catherine Winham was born on Jan. 11, 1943, in Dardnell, Ark. and was the loving wife of war veteran Harry E. Winham. Mary went to be with the Lord at the home of Jerry and Darlene Winham, the aunt and uncle of her husband, on July 21, 2001.

Mary loved to write poetry and had several poems published. She loved to do different kinds of artwork and loved to travel. Mary is survived by four sisters living in Texas and one brother living in Canyon Country, Calif. She is also survived by two sons, Michael and Anthony, as well as six grandchildren she loved very much. Their names are Chris, Brandon, Cody, Randy, Brittany and Heather.

Mary was buried at Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall, Calif., to be close to her mother, father and brother in the wonderful world of heaven. God bless.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Thomas J. White

Private memorial services were held Aug. 11, 2001 at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach for Thomas J. White, 73, who passed away on July 3, 2001 at ECM Hospital, Killen, Ala., after an extended illness.

Tom, a longtime resident, land developer and investor in Lake Isabella, will be remembered and greatly missed by his many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Maryalin White, of Killen, Ala.; daughters Karen Christensen of Palmdale and Linda McQuillen of Simi Valley; 10 brothers and sisters; and seven grandchildren.

John Francis Hubacek Jr.

John Francis Hubacek Jr. went home to be with his Lord Aug. 14, 2001 after a month-long illness.

John was born in Chicago to John Francis Hubacek Sr. and Freida Zenke Hubacek on Oct. 19, 1924.

For 63 years, he was a sheet metal worker. In his earlier days enjoyed fishing and hunting. He served his country in the United States Navy. He was an avid Rams fan, enjoyed crossword puzzles and was quite a TV buff. He and his wife, Lois, had the distinct pleasure of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

John is survived by his wife, Lois, of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Roy John and Earleen Hubacek of Yucca Valley, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Richard Earl and Lisa Hubacek of Berry Creek, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Jeanne Barbara and Don Reed; daughter Jill Haworth of Wofford Heights; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Earl Hubacek of Torrance.

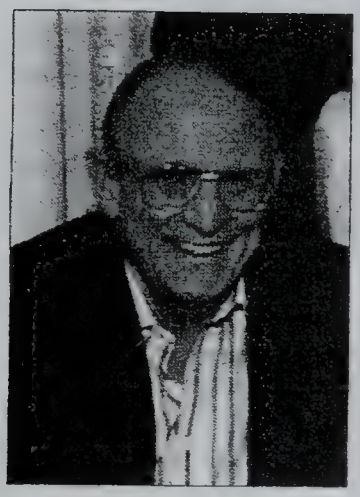
A service was conducted by the VFW Post 7665 honor guard at graveside on Aug. 17, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family at Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jennifer Safir

Jennifer Safir was born on Jan. 20, 1949 in San Fernando and died on Aug. 8, 2001. She was privileged to be baptized in the old mission in San Fernando. Surviving are her parents, Robert and Esther Younkin of Squirrel Valley; one daughter, Sheila; three grandchildren, Ryan, Courtney and Kastina Safir of Lake Isabella; one brother, Robert Younkin of Valencia; one nephew, Robert Younkin III; and two nieces, Jacklyn and Loretta Younkin of Valencia. No services were held. There was a private viewing for immediate family.

Jennifer has gained hat every human desires—eternal peace. We miss her.



Kice Paul "Tex" Walker

Funeral services were held Aug. 15, 2001 at Kern Valley Bible Church for Tex Walker, who went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 10, 2001 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Guy Rimestad.

Tex was born on May 12, 1937 in Levelland, Texas. He came to California with his family in 1942. He met his wife, Bobby, when he was a teenager and they just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. He retired from Continental Bakery and moved to Rogue River, Ore., where they had the Weldon mail route for six years before retiring due to his health. When he was younger he was a marathon runner and he also enjoyed playing golf. He was a wonderful son, husband, daddy and grandpa.

Tex is survived by his wife, Bobby of Squirrel Valley; his mother Wilma Walker of Mountain Mesa; his son and daughter-in-law Steve and Leslie Walker of Fullerton; his daughter and son-in-law Christy and Bob Pocerena of Chino Hills; four grandsons, John, Chad, Derek and Jeff; and his church family. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Stuart "Gene" Adams

Funeral services were held on Aug. 20, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Stuart "Gene" Adams.

Gene entered life on Jan. 7, 1923 in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and moved to California during his school years. He later moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring from the San Ramon School District in 1990. He enjoyed dancing and the jam sessions on Tuesdays at the Senior Center and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the honor guard.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Adams of Lake Isabella; daughters Sherrie Frestadt of Oroville and Becky Ward of Reno; sisters Barbara Shaw of Grand Junction, Colo., Pat Ladnier of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Kaye Dunster of Brentwood, Calif., Jeannette Barringer of Lake Havasu and Kathy Adams of Hayward, Calif.; brothers Paul Adams of Bodfish, Bill Adams of Lake Havasu and Ron Adams of Auburn, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Society or the Hospice Association.

Norma Ann De Sues

Norma Ann De Sues was born Norma Ann Griswold on Jan. 5, 1935 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. She married Joseph De Sues the day after Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, 1952. She loved sailing and for many years she and her husband Joseph sailed the local waters of San Diego to Santa Barbara as well as the Channel Islands.

She owned Carriage House Interiors of Huntington Beach and was the main interior designer for 15 years. She attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

When time came for retirement she chose the Kern River Valley which she loved so well overlooking the lake. Her million-dollar view. She was active in the American Legion and was president for two years. She was recently active in the Democratic Party and was president.

Norma loved to dance. She belonged to a line dancing group and attended the Wednesday night dances at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. She also attended the Friday night dances in Bakersfield at the Senior Center there.

Each Thursday you would find her volunteering at the Senior Center serving those who came to eat the Center and helping with Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the Elks, the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Harbor and the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. She passed away peacefully at 11:58 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2001 with her husband and daughter at her side. She chose to have her body cremated and her ashes released out to sea in Newport Beach.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph De Sues, her daughter, Cherie, and her grandson, Scott.

Robert E. Perfect

Robert E. Perfect passed away Aug. 15, 2001 at a local hospital at the age of 83.

Bob was a local resident of the Kern Valley and loved to go fishing.

He is survived by three sons, Mark of Agoura, Lee and wife Cathy of Lake Isabella and Bob of Lake Isabella; a daughter, Darlene of Las Vegas; eight grandchildren; and three great-children.

Bob will be greatly missed by all. Funeral services will be private.

Craig G. Richards

Sgt. Craig G.1 Richards, 48, of the Mobile, Ala. police department, passed away on Aug. 20, 2001 of a massive brain aneurysm at Providence Hospital in Mobile.

Craig was the son of Marilyn and James Richards of Wofford Heights.

Craig leaves his wife, Leigh, and his son, Joshua, of Miami; two daughters, Megan of Fairhope, Ala. and her two daughters, and Bonnie Leigh, also of Fairhope.

He is survived by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Paula Richards of Loomis, Calif.; brother Mark Richards of Wofford Heights; nephews Adam, Shane and Wesley' and nieces Shelsea and Codi.

Craig was a 23-year veteran of the Mobile police department and was assigned to the Central Event Division.

Mobile's chief of police, Sam Cochran, described Craig as quite an asset to the city and the police department's efforts to revitalize downtown Mobile, and described Craig's death as a "tragic ending to one of our officers who really made us proud."

On Aug. 24, 2001, a celebration of Craig's life was held at the Saenger Theater in downtown Mobile. Craig was a special person and this was again shown when he asked to be an organ donor. In compliance with his wishes, he donated everything from his corneas on down.

Mead Miller, vice president of Main Street Mobile, was heard to say, "Craig was like Santa Claus around here. Naughty or nice, he knew what you were doing. He will be missed."

Loraine Day

Loraine Day was born on Sept. 3, 1923 in Arlington, Wash. and lived in the state until she was 17, when she joined Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. She toured with them and also recorded some of her own songs.

When she was 20 she met and married Robert L. Day of Missouri. She was a bookkeeper for the machine shop he owned in Missouri. The family moved to California in 1960, where they opened another machine shop in the Carson area. In 1969, Loraine moved to the Valencia area and finished raising her family. In 1980 she started helping the elderly with the compassion and gentleness she was known for. She resided in the area until 1994, when, after surviving the Northridge earthquake, she and her daughter moved to Weldon.

Loraine passed away on Aug. 18, 2001, after losing a two-year battle with throat cancer. When she passed away she was a resident of Kern Valley Hospital's Skilled Nursing Center, where she received excellent care.

Loraine is survived by six of her seven children—two daughters, Rainey Day and her husband Albert of Arkansas and Doris Hames of Weldon; four sons—James Day and wife Linda and John Day and wife Diane, all of Missouri, Michael Mollenauer and wife Linda of Weldon, and Mark Mollenauer of Lancaster, and Larry Bricker of Weldon who was like a son to her; three sisters, Juanita Seigel, Florence Leonard and Anna Lewis, all of Washington; two brothers, Lyle Brewer and his wife Grace of Washington, and Larry Brewer of Weldon. Loraine also had 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Loraine was a very devoted and loving mother who was always doing special little things for those she loved. She was a caring person who was loved by many and liked by all. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her family will miss her beyond words. She was the greatest mom they could have ever had.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

A loving goodbye is said from all. Rest well, Loraine, you deserve it.

Robert "Bob" (Poppy) St. John

Robert St. John passed from this earth on Aug. 15, 2001, at 1:35 p.m. at his residence on Young Avenue in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his family, Rosemarie Corcoran and family of Walker Basin, Caroline Maldenado and family of Bodfish and brother Gerald St. John of Leonardo, N.J. Also he is survived by his friends, Odos Redfern and family, and by Jackie Ray and Jerry Boyle of Lake Isabella. He enjoyed many hobbies, such as playing cards and listening to music.

He was loved and will be missed by all who had the privilege to know and be touched by him.

Edith Pearl Jeffrey

Edith Pearl Jeffrey completed a 91-year journey through this world on Aug. 31, 2001.

Born Edith Pearl Davis Jan. 9, 1910 to Ruben Estey and Joetta Mable Davis in Topeka, Kan., she was the third of ten children— Mildred, Frank, Ruby, Clark, Wilbur, Irene, Ruth, Velda and Erma.

She married Charles Nere in 1931. They had four children— Rex, Hazel Joanne, Lois and Kenneth. Charles passed away in 1952. In 1958 she married Clyde Vaughn. Clyde passed away suddenly in 1959.

She married A.B. "Jeff" Jeffrey in 1962. They remained married until her passing, 38 years and 9 months.

Edith is survived by son Rex Nere of Woodburn, Okla.; daughter Lois Calvert of Cedarville, Calf.; brother Wilbur Davis of Springfield, Colo.; sisters Irene McCormack of Grant's Pass, Ore., Ruth Williamson of Canyon Country, Velda Williamson of Guyman, Okla. and Erma Smith of Grant's Pass, Ore.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Glenhaven Memorial Park in Sylmar on Sept. 6, 2001.

William Cecil Price

William Cecil Price was born July 8, 1950 at Ford Ord, Calif. and died Aug. 26, 2001. Funeral services were held at Christian Assembly Church in Lake Isabella on Sept. 1, 2001 with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating.

Bill is survived by his parents, Hugh and Elva Price of Wofford Heights; son Jeremy Price and daughter-in-law Ambra of Okinawa, Japan; daughter Sherry Byrns and son-in-law Tommy of Okinawa, Japan; daughter Kerri Vanderwalker of Chino; grandchildren Austin, Nicolas, Bailee, Makayla, Alexis and one on the way; fiancee Debbie Saxon and her daughters Amanda and Miranda; sister Charlotte George of Trabuco Canyon, Calif.; sister Freddie Joan Davis and brother-in-law Peter of Ponca City, Okla.; sister-in-law Debbie Price of Dearborn, Mich.; four nieces; and numerous other relatives.

Bill lived in the Kern River Valley since 1989, having come from Chino, Calif. He was a machinist for 20 years at Smith Tool in Irvine.

Bill is predeceased by two brothers, Donald Hugh Price and Jimmy Ray Price. We loved him so much and will carry him in our hearts forever.

Services and arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Lee Smith

Private arrangements were made for Paul Lee Smith, who passed away on Sept. 1, 2001 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Paul was born Oct. 19, 1926 in Blocker, Okla. and lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He was known as "Catfish" around the Valley, as he was an avid fisherman and camper. He was also a race car and racing enthusiast. He was self-employed as a dry waller for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Raelene Smith of Weldon; daughters Leanne Smith of Weldon and Janie Warren and Patricia "Cookie" Warren of Oklahoma; son Sam Smith of Mountain Mesa; brother J.B. Smith of Wofford Heights; sister Margie Lindsay of Southlake; sister Marlmay Cummings of Canyon Country; sister Bessie Curtis of Bakersfield; four grandchildren; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Pauline. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Erma M. Pearson

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 for Erma M. Pearson, 93, who passed away on Sept. 4 at the home of her son, Charles Pearson, in Wofford Heights.

Reverend Richard Lewis of the First Baptist Church in Kernville officiated at the 11 a.m. graveside service at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Erma and her husband, Price, moved to the Kern Valley in 1964. Price and son Charles (Pete) pioneered the cable TV system in the Kern Valley and owned and operated the business until 1974 when it was sold. Erma managed the cable office as well as being actively involved in church activities. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Kernville and was active until aging slowed her down.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Price, in 1983 and her son, William Raymond, in 1971.

Survivors include son Charles and daughter-in-law Jeanne of Wofford Heights; daughter Joyce and son-in-law Dwayne Hubbs of Riverside; daughter Betty and son-in-law Denver Dayton of Vista, CA; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Eula Mae Gilliland

Eula Mae Gilliland was born in Oklahoma on Jan. 23, 1916. She died of cancer on Aug. 19, 2001 in Costa Mesa. She is survived by her sister Oleta O'Hara and her niece, Gerrie Getzinger.

Eula was very active in Lake Isabella through her church, the Church of Christ, and the Sidebanders CB Club, where she was known as "Peanut." Eula lived in Bodfish with her husband, Oscar Gilliland, until his death in 1975. She later moved in with her sister in Lake Isabella, where she remained until her illness forced her to be hospitalized.

According to her request, Eula was cremated and the remains placed with her husband, who is buried in the local Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Those who wish to send condolences to the family may send them to Oleta O'Hara at 3651 Nutmeg St., Irvine CA 92606.

Robert Earle Powers

Robert Earle Powers was born in Hemet, CA on July 21, 1932 to parents Robert and Irene Powers. He was called home on September 7, 2001, at his home in Bodfish.

Robert lived in the valley for 30 years. He worked for Cal Trans for 29 years. Robert served his country in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, rising to the rank of sergeant. After that he met and married Leona Beth Chapman. They had two daughters, Deborah Wilkerson and Cherly Evans.

Robert was preceded in death by Leona on December 31, 1991. In addition to his daughters, he is survived by his grandson Daniel and his sister Jeanne.

After a time, Robert met and married Lillian Barton, and they were together for 9 years.

Robert enjoyed his job as a heavy equipment operator. He was a Jeep Club member in Hemet and was an avid member, along with his parents while they were alive. Another happy club he belonged to was Bakersfield Trail Blazers of Bakersfield.

Robert's special needs were cared for by Lake Isabella Funeral Home and by the Bonewell family and staff. Internment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetary in Wofford Heights.

Wilma Norton

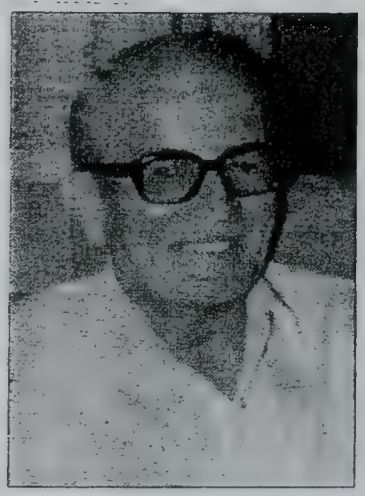
Private arrangements were made for Wilma Norton who passed away at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Nancy Norton, of Mountain Mesa.

Wilma moved to the Norwalk area of California in 1946 from Texas where she met and married her husband of 64 years, Alfred. Wilma was born March 19, 1919 in Wetherford, Texas. After she and Alfred retired, they came to the Kern River Valley. Wilma loved to camp and fish; she was also an avid reader and she spent many hours doing what she loved the best, sewing. She and Alfred also enjoyed traveling. Wilma was known by the local CBers as "Highland Lady."

She leaves behind her husband, Alfred, of Wofford Heights; her two sons, Bobby of Lake Isabella and Fred and wife, Nancy, also of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Jim McBride of Clearlake, Calif., and Jay McBride of Cottonwood, Calif.; and a sister, Betty Pearl. There are also 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren who will miss her.

Wilma's interment will be at Forest Lawn in Cypress, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Edward William Wutzke

Edward William Wutzke, 80, passed away Sept. 17, 2001. He leaves behind his wife Mary "Mickey;" son Richard and daughter Barbara, both of Victoria, B.C.; four grandchildren, Mark, Kara, Stefan and Gail; sisters Mary and Margaret of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Edward was a long time member of the Loyal Order of Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was an avid bowler until his health prevented it.

Margaret Allison

The Randsburg Witt family say good-bye to their beautiful sister Margaret Allison, who passed away at the Valley Convalescent Home in Bakersfield on Sept. 23, 2001.

Margaret was born on March 4, 1924 in Randsburg to a family of 10 children. She had four family members left: James, Sue Hiriam, Mike, and daughter Susie lives in Rosalia, Wash.

She was very active in helping other people and Dr. Close in getting food and clothing for the Rand District area.

William M. Brady

William M. Brady, 90, entered eternal rest at his residence in Wofford Heights on Sept. 27, 2001.

He is survived by his son, William F. Brady and his wife, Linda; daughter-in-law Peggy; 11 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

William and his wife, Sally, who preceded him in death, retired in Wofford Heights in 1974. They were active in the Elks and their church. They spent wonderful years fishing, camping, and enjoying their family.

William loved his workshop and built birdhouses that are all over the Kern River Valley and beyond. Now he will be doing the Lord's work. All who knew him and loved him will miss him dearly.

Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Scott Douglas Pederson

Scott Douglas Pederson, 46, of Federal Way, Wash., passed away at his job on Sept. 15, 2001.

He was born Sept. 28, 1954, in Huntington Park, Calif., to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pederson. He had worked for Boeing for 19 years and most recently for an auto dealership in Renton, Wash. His passions were his family friends, fishing, sailing the sound and flying.

He is survived by his loving fiancée, Yeonok; son Eric and daughter Erin; parents Eugene and Cheryl; siblings Dennis, Lori and Cindy; grandmother Edyth Soward of the Kern River Valley; and their families. He will be missed.

A memorial service was held on Sept. 20, 2001 at the Bonney-Watson Funeral Home in Federal Way, Wash. Donations in his name may be made to the Scott D. Pederson Memorial Fund, c/o Dixie Pederson, P.O. Box 534, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Jessie Hutton Johnson

Jessie Hutton Johnson passed Sept. 14, 2001 at 9.15 a.m at her daughter Linda's home in Culver City from kidney infections due to complications of dementia.

Jessie was born Jessie Hutton Menzies in Dundee, Scotland, May 23, 1923.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, George, who sadly passed June 11, 2001.

Jessie is survived by their daughter Linda and John Findlay of Culver City; grandson John Johnson (Debbie) Findlay of Lakewood; grandson Scott Wilson (Sarah) Findlay of West Los Angeles; and great-granddaughters Hailey Erin Findlay and Scarlet Simone Jessie Findlay.

Their only great-grandson, Cameron Scott Findlay, preceded them in death Oct. 6, 2000, at 7 months of age.

They are also survived by a daughter, Denise, and Al Roscigno of Prescott, Ariz.; grandsons John Angelo Roscigno and Dominic George Roscigno; and a son, John (Jack) McLennan Johnson of West Los Angeles.

A memorial service was held at Kingsley Gates in Culver City, on Sept. 21, 2001. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Jessie's life of 78 years. You cannot talk about Jessie without including her husband of 59 years, George. They were one and now they are one once more together as they have been for the past 60 + years since their first meeting as teenagers. Jessie was 15 and George was 17 years old. Engaged in 1940, both served in the Royal Air Force during WWII.George was called up and in 1941 was sent to Algeria in Africa. In 1942 Jessie was sent to England and worked on the air bases. They were married July 16, 1942 in their R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. uniforms. Jessie by mid-July was discharged from the service and returned to Scotland to have her first-born.

By 1946 George was discharged because of the TB he had contracted in Algeria and so for the next 15 years he was in and out of hospitals in Scotland. Jessie became the breadwinner of the family. One of her first jobs was in a jute mill. Many years were also spent at the Timex watch factory as an oiler/inspectress.

Jessie and George have three children—Linda, Denise and Jack. The Johnsons came to America in 1961 and settled in the West Los Angeles area (Palms). Both were very active for over 35 years in the Scottish lodges, Jessie in the Lady Cameron No. 64 of Santa Monica and George in the men's Clan McKenzie. They also belonged to the United Scottish Societies and the Mayflower Club (British social club). They both loved to bowl. Packard Bell, Lindy Pen, Transco and Ampex were a few of the leagues. They bowled at Kingpin and Mar Vista Lanes on the Westside.

Jessie and George retired from Ampex Electronics in 1983 and moved up to Kelso Valley Estates. They had purchased the property three years before and had many trips to the valley getting the place ready for the big move. Thank goodness there was Mt. Mesa Lanes. They both bowled twice a week there for 20 years and Jessie traveled to many out of town tournaments with her bowling buddies here in the valley. Jessie carried a 150 + average for the best part of her bowling years. They would both golf, but Jessie never took it serious— she always did too much talking and really was not good at it at all! We all had a good laugh about the golf stories!

Jessie was a beautiful knitter and went to town when the grandkids and great-grandkids came along. She would create arran sweaters, shawls and blankets for all. The garden was also a favorite of the Johnsons, preserving and drying all the fruits and veggies that they grew. George and his sun dried raisins! They had many trips across America and Canada in their motorhome and every other year would fly back to the UK to visit family and friends there and stay for several months.

Jessie Hutton Menzies was one of seven children. A younger sister, Gladys, lives in Dundee, Scotland. A "wee" brother, Tom, lives in Fifeshire, Scotland. Her older sister Peggy (Margaret) lives in Torrance, Calif.

Jessie and George will be missed by all their family and friends here in America, Canada, Scotland and England. Our mom and dad will always be special—especially to us, their children. They were great parents, wonderful grandparents, great-grandparents and made you friends for life. They will be missed by family and friends and will live on in our hearts forever. We love you mom and dad. Look after "wee Cammie." God bless— Linda, Denise and Jack.

Bill Murray

Many of you already know we lost our precious love of our life, Bill Murray, husband and father, on Sept. 13, 2001. He was the most giving, loving person that ever walked this earth.

As sick as he was, we are still having a difficult time with the reality that he is no longer here and not coming home. You see, our family was very close and we did everything together.

With the help from our family and friends and everyone's prayers, it is making this transition a little easier.

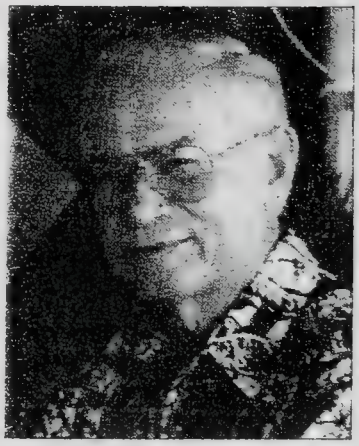
We want to thank all of the families that brought meals, flowers and cards to us. We are truly overwhelmed with the incredible love and support that continues to be extended to us. May God bless all of you.

As Bill was a WWII Navy veteran, we gave him a burial at the VA cemetery in Gustine on Sept. 20. His headstone reads, "Until our Savior's return we will miss you."

We truly believe that prophecy is unveiling itself so rapidly it won't be long before Jesus comes for us on his white horse on a cloud and there will be no more pain or sorrow. And we will all be together again.

We are having a memorial at Kern Christian Church, 14900 Highway 178, Southlake, on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. Potluck to follow at noon. Please come and share your friendship and memories with us.

Very truly yours in Jesus Christ, Sandy, Terri, Brian and Adam Murray.



Marion "Marty" Martin

No services are planned for Marion Martin of Wofford Heights, who died on Oct. 8, 2001 in a Bakersfield hospital.

Marion was born on April 23, 1916 in Hayden, Colo. He attended school in Wheatland, Wyoming. The family moved to Idaho where Marion owned and operated Nampa Auto Body Shop. He met Ellen Marron in 1938 and they were married in 1939. Ellen and Marty moved to California in 1940 where he worked in the aerospace industry from 1940 until his retirement in 1980, at which time they moved to Wofford Heights.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luther Martin; his mother, Cherry Martin; two brothers, Gilbert and Warder; and his infant sister, Velma.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ellen; three brothers, Melvin, Calvin and Jack; two sisters, Wilma Fredericksen and Barbara Magwire, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joel Clarence Reed

Joel Clarence Reed entered life on May 5,1912, in Jackson County, Alabama. Born to his parents Robert and Lucy, the family worked as sharecroppers in Oklahoma. His father also worked as a machinist's helper who installed track wheels onto trains, with a sideline of moonshining. In 1936, the family moved to California, settling down in Dinuba. While in Dinuba, Joel met the girl next door, Edith Stella Richardson. The two fell in love and later married in 1940. Joel soon was offered a chance to go to work for North American Aviation, which later became Rocketdyne, and he and his family picked up roots and moved to the Los Angeles area. He proudly served his country during World War II on the home front working as a riveter and finally retired as an electron beam welder for North American, a career that would span a total of 35 years.

Throughout the years, Joel and Edith became avid rock hounds. The two traveled the country in their camper searching out different dig sites, unearthing special rocks, opals, agates, petrified palm, quartzite, and various other semi-precious rocks and gems. The two were even able to visit the Arkansas diamond fields, although they did not find any diamonds. Joel would return home with all of these raw materials and he used them while toiling in the second love of his life, lapidary work. He would craft all of the rocks and stones into elaborate and sometimes lavish jewelry. Another craft that Joel toyed with was the making of plastic rose carvings for use with some of the pendants and jewelry that he so diligently created.

Joel was a good father. He was a strong man, but he had a big heart. His bark was bigger than his bite. He always looked out for his family. Karen, one of his daughters, always called him an old fart. She even got him a cup and hat that said, "old fart." Not wanting to leave her mom out, she got her a hat too that said, "old fart's wife." The family always had fun. Joel, Edith and the kids always went camping and fishing in the High Sierras, where they encountered many things including the sweet smell of a skunk. Sadly, Joel suffered the biggest loss of his life when, in 1988, Edith fell ill and passed away. He was a survivor and continued to live on for his family. To Joel, family always came first. He was a good man. He was a good husband, father and grandfather. He will be truly missed by all of his loving family and his special friends.

Joel Clarence Reed is survived by his daughter Linda and son-in-law Jack Donnelly of Wofford Heights; his son, Rex Reed of Panorama City; his son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Susan Reed of Mountain Mesa; his daughter and son-in-law Janet and Ralph Hermansen of Mountain Mesa; his son Hugh Reed of Granada Hills; his daughter and son-in-law Karen and George Greenberg of Las Vegas; and his daughter and son-in-law Elaine and Bob Dunlap of Indiana. Joel is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Ray and Kitty Reed of Fresno; his brother Bert Reed of Mt. Shasta, Calif.; his brother and sister-in-law Winston and Beverly Reed of Fresno; his brother and sister-in-law Ulysseus "Duke" and Tooter Reed of Fresno; his brother and sister-in-law Frank and Pat Reed of Garden Valley; and his sister, Lela Cunningham of Escondido, Calif. Joel is also survived by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bill Murray

Many of you already know we lost our precious love of our life, Bill Murray, husband and father, on Sept. 13, 2001. He was the most giving, loving person that ever walked this earth.

As sick as he was, we are still having a difficult time with the reality that he is no longer here and not coming home. You see, our family was very close and we did everything together.

With the help from our family and friends and everyone's prayers, it is making this transition a little easier.

We want to thank all of the families that brought meals, flowers and cards to us. We are truly overwhelmed with the incredible love and support that continues to be extended to us. May God bless all of you.

As Bill was a WWII Navy veteran, we gave him a burial at the VA cemetery in Gustine on Sept. 20. His headstone reads, "Until our Savior's return we will miss you."

We truly believe that prophecy is unveiling itself so rapidly it won't be long before Jesus comes for us on his white horse on a cloud and there will be no more pain or sorrow. And we will all be together again.

A memorial was held at Kern Christian Church in Southlake on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.

Very truly yours in Jesus Christ, Sandy, Tim, Brian and Adam Murray.

Richard Ray Ogas

A Rosary and Funeral Mass for Christian Burial was held Oct. 20, 2001 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Richard Ray Ogas. Father Patrick Persinger officiated.

Mr. Ogas was born July 27, 1930 in Silver City, New Mexico and passed away Oct. 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Richard came to California in 1948 and settled in the City of Commerce, where he worked in the lumber business as a truck driver for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Tony and Joe and daughter-in-law Cece; and four grandchildren, Michael, Christine, Catherine and Victoria.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Audrae June Grabenhofer

A private service will be held by the family of Audrae June Grabenhofer, 79, who passed away on Sept. 30, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Prior to moving to the Bakersfield in 1998, Audrae was a resident of Kernville for 10 years. During that time, she was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed volunteering her time at the Auxiliary Thrift Store. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Born on Feb. 26, 1922, in Chicago, Audrae moved to California in 1947, and shortly after her move to Santa Monica, she met and married her husband, Robert Grabenhofer. She was employed by Security Pacific National Bank for more than 30 years working in various departments.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Hansen of Issaquah, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law Kathe and Jim Malouf of Wofford Heights; two grandsons, Ryan Hansen and Brandon Hansen, both of Washington; and one great-grandson, Spencer Hansen of Washington.

Cremation arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Gary Don Abernathy

Gary Don Abernathy was born Dec. 26, 1972 and died Oct. 18, 2001. Gary was born in McAlester, Okla. and was raised here in Kern County. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1991 and attended Bakersfield College, receiving two Associate degrees, and majored in Agricultural Science.

Gary left many beloved behind. Among them were: his parents, Marilyn Barnes and Terry Abernathy; his grandparents, Etolia Riley, Earnestine Locke, Pa-Pa Amous and Irishman Locke; sister Sherri Sandoval and husband Eric; brother Joshua Riley; brother Curtis Riley and wife Brenda; mom Deborah Riley; and most importantly, his nieces and nephews, Ashley Dye, Deborah Riley, Megan Sandoval and Alyssa Riley. Also Bryce Riley, Steven Riley, Cody Sandoval and Hunter Riley. Among those awaiting him on heaven's shores are his dad, Donnie Riley, his grandma Go-Go, and his uncle Jim Barnes.

Gary was a child who could make the world smile. He was happy and took everything this world had to dish out with open arms and an accepting attitude. As a young adult, he was able to bring laughter to any room. He was everybody's friend. As an adult he was responsible, loving and caring. He was always willing to help all who needed it. He was the most wonderful uncle one could ask for. He loved and treated his nieces and nephews as if they were his children. He was close to his sister and brothers, and was always there for them. he had a special place within the family which no other could fill. Gary was the strongest man anyone could have ever known, for even in his most painful and weak moments, he never complained. We were all lucky to have spent the short amount of time that we did with him. We will miss him greatly!

We would like to say thank you to all who helped Gary that day. The Kern Valley Hospital staff as well as the CARE Ambulance staff. Also, a special thank you to all of the friends and family for their prayers and support. Thank you!

Service were held Oct. 22 at Arvin Cemetery.

You've traveled a road not many have traveled
And conquered a life not many could bear
You left us in life with our hearts all unraveled
Your memories and love are beyond compare.
We sit and wonder what all was said and done
Did we say what we needed to say, one on one
Can you really be gone, is this really the end
No more time to hold our brother, son and friend.
If feels like a dream from which we'll all wake
We'll sit up to see you and know it's all fake
We know you are happy for in heaven you stand
Yet we'll still miss your smile and the touch of your hand
The love in your heart stays with us forever
We'll remember you always and forget you never!

Alfred Eugene Norton

Funeral services were held Oct. 27, 2001 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress, Calif. for Alfred Eugene Norton. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View So. Baptist Church.

Mr. Norton was born Jan. 17, 1918 in Eldorado, Okla. and passed away on Oct. 22, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 26 years ago after he retired from Quaker Oats. When they came here Alfred built their home in Wofford Heights where they spent much time enjoying the view and watching all the animals. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, fishing and he also enjoyed hunting. He was a member of the CBers and was known as Johnny Rebel.

Alfred was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Wilma, and is survived by his son Bobby Norton of Mountain Mesa; son and daughter-in-law Fred and Nancy Norton of Mountain Mesa; brother Dub Norton of Pampa, Texas; and sisters Neoma Taylor of Hemet and Dorothy Weker of Cypress.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Barbara J. Adams

Services were held Oct. 21, 2001 at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church for Barbara J. Adams. Barbara was born Jan.11, 1935, in Altadena, Calif. and passed away in Bakersfield on Oct. 16, 2001. Barbara was a resident of Havilah for the past 20 years and is survived by her husband, Ernest Adams of Havilah; son David Adams and daughter-in-law Donella of Bodfish; daughter Diane Verreras and son-in-law Joyce of Diamond Bar; son Richard Adams of Chino Hills; son Michael Adams of Phoenix; and 16 grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all.

Charlene Marie Alm

Graveside services were held Oct. 27, 2001 at Kern River Cemetery for Charlene Marie Alm, who passed away at her home on Oct. 24, 2001. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Charlene was born in Oxford, Miss. and moved to California in 1944 with her family. She worked as a nurse for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley.

She was a member of the VFW and the Moose and was on the drill team at the Eagles.

While living here, she worked for the state of California as an Ombudsman for Kern County. Charlene was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Charlene was a friend to everyone. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl. She is survived by her sisters, Nita, Hazel, Coleen, Stella and Robbie, and her brother Russel and any nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Marguerite "Margo" Vera Page

Marguerite Vera Page (Margo) went to be with Jesus on Oct. 25, 2001. She had been battling several different diseases over the past several years.

She was born in Oklahoma in 1926 and moved to California at six months of age. She settled in Pixley and graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1943. She married Archie Page in Oct. 1943. After Archie returned from the war they started their family. They had a son, Dennis, and a daughter, Paula Sue.

Margo worked for California Physicians Service for 30 years and retired in 1979 when they moved to the Kern River Valley. Margo was active in many clubs in the Valley, including the Kern Valley Golf Course, Ladies of the Elks, Bowling and was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Margo and her daughter, Paula, bought Tattle Tale Fashions in 1984. She often talked about the fun they had running this business for seven years.

Margo was always there for her family and friends, even through her personal tragedies including the loss of her only son, Dennis, in 1985, her grandson, Artie, in 1984 and her grandson, Mitchell Prince on Thanksgiving Day in 1998.

In spite of her poor health, she still managed to bake cookies and take them to various rest homes around the valley.

Margo left behind her "best buddy," Archie, her husband for 58 years; her daughter, Paula Prince; son-in-law Pat Prince; and grandsons Patrick Prince and Michael Prince (of the Kern River Valley) and David Page (of Kansas). She will be missed by all of her friends and "bingo buddies."

The greatest loss is felt by her family, for the love and devotion she had for her husband, children and grandchildren can never be replaced.

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Duane Douglas "Macado" McRae

Those who knew Duane Douglas McRae best affectionately called him "Macado." Macado was born on Jan. 23, 1917 in Eagan, S.D. to Donald and Florence McRae, and passed away Oct. 29, 2001. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Nov. 2, 2001.

Macado lived in South Dakota and Minnesota before coming to California. He worked for 18 years for the Queen City Meat Company as a meat cutter. They supplied restaurants with meat.

Macado had two hobbies that kept him busy. He loved to fish and did so in the lake and the river. He also loved to work at wood working, making all kinds of different things as well as refinishing furniture.

Duane served his country during World War II in the Army and was very proud of his service time. He came to the lake area 14 years ago and loved his home in Bodfish.

He is survived by his son, Gary, and wife Teresa of Long Beach; and five grandchildren— Shelly, Melissa, Jason, Heather and Gary Jr., all of Long Beach.

He will be missed by his family and friends. Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Leona Elaine Peck

Leona Elaine Peck was born in Minnesota on Dec. 18, 1925, to Louis and Emily Beaudreau, and entered into rest on Oct. 18, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Leona's first husband, Mr. Command, preceded her in death. After coming to California, she met and married her husband, Floyd Peck. Leona is survived by her husband, Floyd Peck of Wofford Heights; one son, Michael Command of Los Angeles; one daughter, Mary Igliotti of Fullerton; two brothers, Robert Beaudreau of South Dakota and Duane Beaudreau of Minnesota; one sister, Jeraldine Lentz of Colorado; and three grandchildren, Michael, Joseph and Jennifer.

Her family and friends will greatly miss her.

Private services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Daniel "Dan" Patrick Martens

Dan Martens was born on July 19, 1935 to Gerald and Blanch Marten in Green Bay, Wisc. He entered into rest on Oct. 27, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 66.

Dan worked in the film industry as a model maker for 25 years. His real love, other than being with his lovely wife, Jan, was his gift of abstract painting which he has left many behind for others to enjoy.

Dan was the president of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. Dan protected the Second Amendment to the Constitution. If you wanted to get Dan upset all you had to do was speak about gun control and he would speak his mind at the drop of a hat on that subject.

Dan was a happy man and enjoyed his freedom that America provides. He had 17 years of schooling and was a very educated person. He was also highly spiritual. Dan is survived by his loving wife, Jan.; six grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two grandchildren, and a great host of friends.

Services were private and were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard "Dick" Putman Trask

Dick Trask was born in Memphis, Tenn. on Aug. 14, 1947 to Kenneth and Marjorie Trask, and entered eternal life on Oct. 18, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Dick lived in the Kern Valley area for the past four years. He loved the area mostly for the fishing. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the American Bass Association. He was very well known for his split shot and superb fishing skills. Dick worked for Cigna Health Care for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons— Ryan, who serves his country in the Air Force, and Ian of Van Nuys; daughter Tara of Durango, Colo.; and three grandchildren in Colorado.

Dick will be missed by his family and friends, as well as his fishing buddies.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Delmer "Freddie" Russell

Delmer "Freddie" Russell passed away Oct. 31, 2001 at the age of 74. He was married for 37 years to his beloved wife, Flossie Russell.

He is the father of three— Linda, Nancy and Steven (and daughter-in-law Jeannie). He is also the grandfather of six— Brian, Charmaine, Mark, Quinton, Sierra and Montana; and has many nieces and nephews. He also has two sisters, Georgia Eller and Ethelmae Terry (and her husband Harlan).

Services were held Nov. 5, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arthur S. "Bud" Underhill

Arthur S. "Bud" Underhill was born Jan. 24, 1916 and passed away Nov. 3, 2001. Crypt side services were held at Greenwood Bible Mausoleum in San Diego. Officiating was Dr. K. Barbee and organist Lyle de Jong.

Bud was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. He leaves behind his loving wife Dorothy H. Underhill, whom he married on April 9, 1966; daughter Cheryl Underhill Wall and son-in-law Bob Wall of Amarillo, Texas; son Dennis Underhill Sr. of Laverne Okla.; three grandchildren and six grandchildren. Bud was in the Army Air Corps during the war and retired in 1968 from civil service at North Island in San Diego.

He was truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Francis "Frank" Donald Rush

Graveside services will be held Nov. 16, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Frank Rush, who was born in Michigan on Oct. 27, 1917 and passed away Nov. 5 at Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

Frank, a resident of Wofford Heights for 20 years, was a real estate agent and general building contractor who built many homes in the Kern River Valley as well as in Big Bear, where he also served for a time as fire chief. He was a private pilot and liked to reminisce about his years of flying. After retiring, he enjoyed many cross-country road trips. A favorite was a visit to the Statue of Liberty and Niagara Falls. He also enjoyed ocean cruises with his wife, Hazel Rush, who survives him.

Also surviving him are son James Rush and grandson James Jr. of Apple Valley; sister Lillian Rush of Michigan; stepdaughter Norma and her husband Joe Roseberry of Wofford Heights; and stepdaughter Deanna and her husband Mel Rogers of Issaquah, Wash.

James "Mike" Mikesell

James was born on March 20, 1921 and passed away Nov. 4, 2001. He was born to his parents Edward and Teresa Mikesell in Ohio. James served his country in the Army Air Corps in WWII. He married Helen Maxine Mann. He spent 20 years working for the Tetrafluor Engineer Co., where he rose to manager. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and became a Scout leader and loved going camping with the Scouts. James loved to work outside at home. He was very mechanical. He built his own log splitter, among other things. James belonged to the local Moose Lodge, where he achieved the Degree of Fellowship.

James learned his trade by going to the Dayton Tool and Die School. He is survived by his wife, Helen Mikesell; son Neal Mikesell; daughter Connie Hofmann; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one nephew.

James "Mike" Mikesell was a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Darlene Celestine-Elizabeth Donohue

Darlene was born on July 5, 1923 in Elk River, Minn. to Archie and Adelene Plante. She entered into rest after a long illness on Nov. 9, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Darlene was the secretary of the South Fork Union School District for 26 years. She retired in 1993. Darlene was very educated in crafts. She made stained glass windows along with knitting and quilting as her hobbies.

Surviving her is one son, Brian Donohue of Onyx; a brother, Archie Plante of Weldon; and a sister, Joyce Tonkoshker of Detroit.

A void is left by her passing for her family and friends. Private graveside services were held on Nov. 15, 2001 with burial in Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

Anita Jacquline Williams

Graveside services were held Nov. 14, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Anita Jacquline Williams. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis.

Anita was born June 24, 1930 in Detroit and went to be with the Lord on Nov. 9, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Anita was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1972. She was a member of the VFW and the Moose and was the Lady of the Lake in the 1970s. She was a member of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church. She enjoyed Bible study and making crafts but mostly witnessing to people about the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johh, a brother and three sisters. Anita is survived by son and daughter-in-law Rick and Shirley Katchuba of Michigan; son and daughter-in-law David and Phyllis Katchuba of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Gail Katchuba and Loren Lee of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Donnie Dubel of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Thom and Sandy Alexander of Arizona; brothers Clem Clement and John Clement; sisters Rita Gardner and Gwen Lynch; 4 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother and a friend to everyone.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary.

In Memory of Mitchell Prince

Our beloved Mitch filled our hearts with joy,
From birth he was such a special little boy.
When he was very small he stumbled
On some stairs taking a bad fall.
But he jumped up shouting with glee,
"I'm not hurt, Jesus 'catched' me!"
On Thanksgiving morning in 1998,
He left us tragically
Shot by three masked gunmen on a spree.
Mitch had gotten to safety after the initial attack,
But a friend was in trouble so he went back.
When it was over he was not alone,
The Lord and his angels were there for their own.
We imagine Mitch saying,
"I'm not hurt you see,
'Cause my Jesus 'catched' me."
Mitch was never ours to keep,
Only an angel on loan.
The most beautiful person
We have ever known.

Written by Margo Page

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2001

In Loving Memory Of

Harold Dean

It's hard to believe it's been a whole year since you left us for that great golf course in the sky.

We are so thankful that you are not suffering anymore and glad you knew how much we all love you and miss you.

We think of you everyday and you are still helping us as we say, "How would Dad do this?"

We know you are up there on the back nine with Ray or fishing with Carl.

We will love you forever.

Your loving wife and family —
Colleen, Mike, Kathy, Judy, Cherrie and Mom

Thomas Benton Barber

Graveside services were held Nov. 21, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Thomas B. Barber, who passed away on Nov. 20, 2001 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Mr. Barber was born Feb. 26, 1922 in Louisiana. He was in the Navy for 25 years and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. After moving to Los Angeles from Michigan, he was a Navy instructor for several years before retiring. He then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a great cook, and the family enjoyed his cooking. He enjoyed holidays and spending time with his family. His "antagonistic" behavior will be greatly missed by his family, who loved him very much.

He is survived by his daughter, MaryAnn Kemery, of Valencia; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Joe Christian of Riverside County; daughter and son-in-law Patty and Ron Low of Valencia; daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Vincent Bakich of Bakersfield and Virginia Frenes of Canebrake; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson to be.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Glenn Dayle Goins

Services were held on Nov. 23, 2001 at the Church of Christ in Mountain Mesa for Glenn Dayle Goins. Glenn was born in Vernon, Texas, on Aug. 18, 1934, to Floyd and Bonnie Goins. He entered into rest at his home in Walker Basin on Nov. 19, 2001 at the age of 67.

Glenn worked for the Department of Public Works as a Supervisor of Road Work in San Bernardino for 21 years. He also worked for the Trona School District as Maintenance Supervisor for 11 years.

He came with his wife, Ruth, to Walker Basin in 1988. Glenn built their home in Walker Basin, and he also planted fruit trees and developed the property. He was also an active member of the Church of Christ in Mountain Mesa.

Glenn and Ruth spent the last five winters in Lake Havasu, Ariz. Glenn loved to hunt and fish as well as other outdoor challenges. Surviving him is his wife, Ruth; sons David Goins of Trona, John Goins of Rochester Hills, Mich., Mark Goins of Trona, and Paul Goins of Exeter, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a great amount of friends who knew him through work and being neighbors with him.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gene Randolph

A memorial Mass will be held today, Nov. 28, 2001 for Gene Randolph at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Mr. Randolph was born Sept. 10, 1916 in Dawson, Iowa and passed away Nov. 12, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Randolph and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 21 years ago after he retired from Disneyland. He enjoyed fishing, camping and reading. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Jude Catholic Church. He was a wonderful man, a loving husband and father, and everyone looked up to him as a big brother.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Randolph of Wofford Heights; and son Chris and sister Dorothy Halstad of Iowa. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

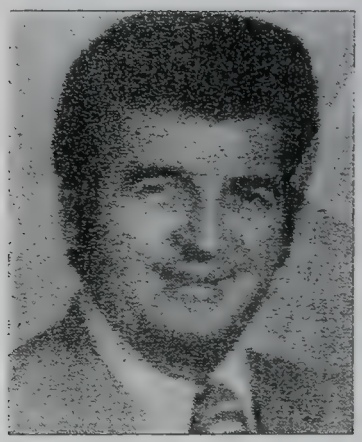
Welton O. Erickson

Memorial services were held Nov. 20, 2001 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church for Welton O. Erickson. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis. Mr. Erickson was born Sept. 11, 1927 in Glen Flora, Wisc. and moved to California in 1959. He passed away at his home in Weldon on Nov. 16, 2001.

Mr. Erickson was a sergeant in the Army, stationed in El Paso. He was a high school teacher from 1952 to 1976 in Minnesota and San Jose. He enjoyed flying, snow skiing, and exploring and explaining the natural wonders of God's creation. He is survived by his children, W. Paul Erickson, Judy Rae Beier and Sheryl Sue Ferreira; grandchildren Joseph Ferreira, Jonathan Beier, Joshua Ferreira, Matthew Beier, Jared Ferreira, Ashley Ferreria, Jeremy Beier and Teresa Erickson; a sister, Mildred Evers; and a brother, Thure Erickson.

He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Michael Wayne Irving

Michael Wayne Irving was born Dec. 8, 1935 and passed away Nov. 28, 2001. He enlisted into the Navy in 1956, aboard the USS Orleans Parish. He received a National Defense Medal and was honorably discharged in 1960. After being discharged he sold cars for a living. He then met the love of his life, Katherine (his "Joy") They belonged to a camping club, "The Driveway Breakers." In 1991 they bought a retirement home in Lake Isabella. They were married for 29 years and they are together again in eternal peace.

He is survived by daughters Vicki and Dan Dicksen, Elizabeth Kosharek and Dave Boosalis, Linda Wesala Baker and Wallace Baker, Susan and Troy Reid, and Margaret and Patrick Cardona; sons Steven and family and Michael Jr.; son-in-law Alan Wesala and his wife Debbie; grandchildren Rebecca and Fred Averin, Melissa Nichols, Jason and Brandy Wesala, Holly Kosharek, Jessica Immel, Shelly Kosharek, Nicole Wesala, Arthur Hernandez, Joyce and Julie Kosharek, Cassie Wesala, Adrienne Hernandez, Alana Wesala, Heather Eilders, Joseph Cardona, Courtney Reid and Sophie Cardona; and great-grandchildren Christopher Tunstall, Kayla Nichols, Anthony and Brandon, Ben Nichols, Stephen Nichols, Joey Ledbetter and Sierra Wesala. He is also survived by special brother- and sister-in-law Don and Barbara Tolle and their children Jeff Tolle, Sheryl and Russ Muncy and family, and sisters Atha and Tony D'antonio; nephew Jimmy D'antonio and family; nieces Bobbie Sue, Margo, L'il Atha and family, Roseanne and Tim Thompson and family, Patty Priest and niece Elaine and Jay and family; nephews Dale Priest and family, David Priest and family, Dale and Ian Ottinger (son of Isabel); great nieces Christine and Nancy Ottinger; sister-in-law Cindy Irving (wife of "Tony"); nephews Mike and Jimmy Irving, Larry Irving; niece Cheryl Scarbough (daughter of Walter); great-niece Cherie; great-niece Tammy and Dan; great-nephew Michael (Hevia) Stewart; family friend Dee Gisel and family and many wonderful friends from their camping club.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Irving; parents Dewey Dale and Margaret Irving; brothers Walter, Larry "Tony" and Robert Irving; and sisters Isabelle Fowler, Gerry Kunz and Suzanne Mead; brother-in-law Norman Priest; niece Laurie Irving; mother and father-in-law William and Christine Tolle; brother-in-law Bill Tolle and sister-in-law Nancy Kalb.

Michael had a very large family who loved him as he loved them. We will miss him tremendously, until we meet again.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dick Gallagher

A memorial service was held Dec. 1, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Dick Gallagher, a longtime Kern Valley resident.

Dick was born May 3, 1919 in Graham, Texas and passed away on Nov. 27, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Dick moved to California from Texas in 1939, where he met a long-legged blonde now known as Katie Gallagher. They were married in 1941 and moved to the Kern Valley in 1964 from Paramount, Calif. to run the Starlight Motel in Lake Isabella.

Dick was elected Honorary Whiskey Flat Mayor in 1965. He was known as "Gallant" Gallagher. He entertained in local nightclubs and restaurants as well as throughout the United States for over 40 years. He and Katie were recently honored by their family and friends for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick was a member of the Musicians Union and a founding member of the local Elks Lodge, and was also a member of the Eagles and the Firt Baptist Church. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Dick loved to make people laugh, and was very good at doing that. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Katie Gallagher of Lake Isabella; his four wonderful children, Judy Smyth of Lake Forest, Pam and husband Bryan Hermansadler of Hawaii, Windy and husband Doug Quine of Hesperia, and Michael Gallagher of Bodfish; grandchildren Cathy and husband John Kendrick, Shawn Smith, Gram Gallagher, Laura Davis, James and Jennifer Quine; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Gallagher of Texas; and a sister, Margie Knowles of Texas. Dick will be greatly missed.

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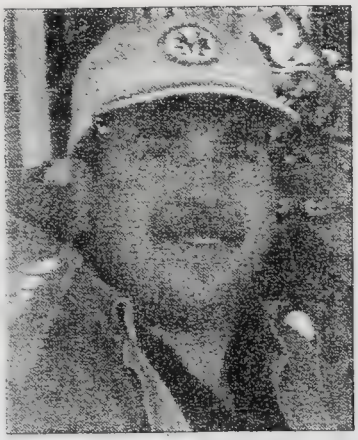


Jack Scott Emerson

Jack Scott Emerson was born in Oregon to Jack and Alice Emerson on Aug. 7, 1961. He entered eternal life on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22, 2001, at his home in Lake Isabella. He was 40.

Jack was a tattoo artist. He also had a great love of music, loved his family and was the happiest when he and his family were on camping trips.

Jack is survived by his wife, Teresa, of Lake Isabella; his mother, Alice Vance of Kernville; one son, Michael Emerson, and two daughters, Kalen Emerson and Sarah Emerson, all of the lake area; one brother, Michael Emerson of Onyx; and two sisters, Vickey Emerson of Kernville and Shawn Moore of Wofford Heights. Jack will be missed by his family and friends.

Services were held at graveside at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Nov. 29, 2001. Pastor Jack Dilley presided.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Florence Marie Davis

Florence was born on May 9, 1918 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her mother, Juliette, came to America from Norway. Her father, Raymond Wald, was a railroad engineer from Austria. She had a sister, Juliet, and a brother, Buddy. Florence cross-country skied to school. She competed on ice as a speed skater and had her front teeth knocked out playing baseball (they grew back). Later, when she found out she was a girl, Florence was elected Minneapolis "Ice Queen," an honor not unlike Pasadena's Rose Queen. This led to her participation in the Miss America pageant, where she represented Minnesota, a state she helped to make famous for its beautiful natural blondes.

Florence lived in New York City, where her circle of friends included mostly artists and intellectuals. The song "Moonlight, Martinis and You" was written expressly for her. But her heart led to Missouri, where a short-lived marriage produced her only son, Raymond Elliot Beeman, whom she was unwaveringly devoted to. It was in St. Louis that the "Ice Queen's" heart finally melted. She met the love of her life, William Arthur "Bill" Davis. The two were married sixty-one years ago, November 15th. They moved to California and had one child, Florence's only daughter, Deborah Dean Davis, whose creativity she nourished, recognizing art as a gift from God.

Florence retired from her high-pressure job as an adjudicator for the state of California in 1972, moving from the San Fernando Valley to the high desert she loved. She and Bill lived on Davis Lane in Weldon before moving to Onyx where they built their own home on Easy Street. They enjoyed fishing and camping, taking many trips across country and into Canada in their RV. Bill drove while Florence took her job as navigator and chief historian very seriously. She researched every place they ever stopped, feeling enriched by the experience, both physically and mentally. Well into her seventies, Florence and her Border Terrier, Doc Watson, hiked roughly five miles a day in the ravine off Fay Ranch Road. On one of these hikes she came face to face with a mountain lion. Florence, a self-proclaimed naturalist, exclaimed, "You're beautiful!" Daunted by her sheer enthusiasm, the mountain lion proudly retreated. Finally, disabled by arthritis and multiple neck and back surgeries, Florence was forced to give up what she referred to as her "long walks." But her passion for sewing continued full force. She produced couture-quality clothing for her family and friends, and designed and made over one hundred homemade quilts. She said, "I like to think of the people I've made quilts for, wrapping up in them and feeling my arms around them." She canned peaches and apricots, cooked soup and homemade pies for her husband, family and any neighbor who was sick or alone or simply hungry. Everyday was Thanksgiving for Florence, who knew the true meaning of gratitude, generosity and community.

It is impossible to attempt a chronology of Florence Davis's life without mentioning her family, who she openly admitted was her reason for living. She was wondrously proud of her children— Ray, a computer programmer, and Deborah Dean, a professional writer. She often said, "My main goal in life is to be a good mother." Her success in this was complete. She had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, whom she thoroughly enjoyed receiving reports on: Allie being scouted by Division One universities due to her performance at the National Volleyball Tournament; Elizabeth's music scholarship to Chapman University; Christopher's SAT scores: Valerie's latest degrees and her latest babies (Daniel and Jonathan); Matthew's adventure in Eastern Europe; Michael's commitment to learn Chinese; Karen becoming the head lifeguard at Huntington Beach, or more recently,

sharing her home with foster children; Eric's success in college at San Diego State.

But mostly, Florence spent her days enveloped in an overwhelming love for her husband, partner, best friend... Bill. Their love affair was the stuff legends are made of. Completely dedicated to one another, totally faithful, they couldn't have suspected they would spend their sixty-first wedding anniversary in Kern Valley Hospital. Florence's beloved husband, Bill, spent the last two weeks of Florence's life, day and night, keeping vigil over the most extraordinary woman he had ever known. This deep, near-perfect love was made possible by each of them being totally convinced that the other one was the most important of the two. She did for him. He did for her. It was their way, as natural as breathing in and out.

Everyone who came in contact with Florence—whether family, neighbors, dear friend Judy Dodd, much loved Doctor Stuart Lewis and his wife, Monica, highly esteemed doctors Gary Finstad, Jaime Lee Ho and Joseph Kent, appreciated nurses, the friendly staff at James Station market, even helpful fabric store employees in Bakersfield—all felt it was an honor to witness the way Florence and Bill felt about each other, a lesson in marriage, in life. They called themselves "the professionals." Two lives, inextricably united in a passion for truth, fun, kissing, respect, good food, music, dancing, positive thought, beauty, nature, exercise, knowledge, health, and above all... Scrabble. He loved to brag about her beating him. She loved to brag about how much he'd help her. And so their competitive natures gave way to laughter, which in the end is the sound of love.

Her jewelry box, hidden away in the back of an ultra-neat drawer, held her most treasured possessions—three cards from her husband, Bill. One was addressed to The Most Beautiful Girl in the World. Inside, the card simply read, "I adore you."

Florence Marie Davis, treasured by her husband and family, joyously departed earth just six minutes after Thanksgiving at 12:06 a.m. on Nov. 23, 2001. Her husband, Bill Davis, her daughter, Deborah Dean Davis, and her son-in-law, Robert Fulbright, were at her side. Florence left a legacy of love and laughter, determination and strength, wonder and faith. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Arthritis Foundation or the Florence Davis Memorial Hiking Fund, c/o Deborah Dean Davis, 17720 Marcello Place, Encino, CA 91316. There is no service planned at this time. Florence, having received the Last Rites, was cremated in the Viking tradition. Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella handled the arrangements.

Nadalea Mildred Snyder

Nadalea ("Nate") Mildred Snyder passed away on Nov. 29, 2001 in a Bakersfield hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 66 years old.

Nate was a true fighter and she fought very hard to stay with us. Those of you who knew her knew the spunk she had. We will all truly miss her— her very special husband, Kenneth Snyder of Wofford Heights, two sons— Donald Smith of Sun Valley and Monty Rutlidge of Stockton, and also a brother, Kenneth Frisk and his wife, Linda, of Carson.

Nate was born in Bishop to Mildred Frisk on Nov. 16, 1935. She was a bartender and a cocktail waitress in the Gardena area. She moved to Wofford Heights in 1983. She was a bartender at Lorri's Roundup for approximately 10 years, and finally retired to spend more time doing the things she enjoyed. There will be a memorial service and get-together with friends and family at the Hideway in Wofford Heights on Dec. 15, 2001 at 2 p.m.

Virginia Marie Bales

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2001 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Virginia Marie Bales, who went to be with the Lord on Dec. 6, 2001 after a long illness. Virginia was born June 12, 1918 in Santa Barbara.

Virginia was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 40 years, with the last four at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital, where she was always in prayer for her friends in the nursing center. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, doing crafts and studying her Bible.

She is survived by her children, Jeanette and Leonard Phillips of Kernville, Marilee Hyatt of Lakewood, John Bales and wife Jody of Washington, Mary Pearce of Bass Lake, and Tommy and Ronda Bales of Porterville; four sisters, Dorothy, Rosemarie, Betty and Norma; 15 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and her close friends, Bill and Maryann Cole and family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kenneth Dale Smith

Private arrangements were made for Kenneth Smith of Weldon, who passed away after a short illness. Kenneth moved here with his family from Las Vegas. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a real outdoorsman.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Vivian; his mother, Carolyn Fuson of Weldon; and his children— Kenny Smith of Simi Valley, Michael Smith of North Carolina, Megan and Kristen Smith of Weldon, and a stepson, Robert Durant. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Sylvia, Lori Ann and Destiny, and a brother, Kevin Ray Smith of Bakersfield. He is preceded in passing by his daughter, Kendra. Kenneth will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Margaret Lee Winemiller

Private services were held for Margaret Lee Winemiller. Margaret was born on Dec. 26, 1930 to Manley and Marion Ellis. She passed away on Nov. 29, 2001 at her home in Wofford Heights.

Margaret lived in the Kern Valley area for 31 years. She loved to play bingo. She also enjoyed working in her garden and taking care of her fruit trees. She did a lot of canning. Her statement about the Wofford Heights area was that it was God's Country.

Margaret is survived by four daughters— Lorie Zubrycky of Onyx, Nancy of LaHabra, Peggy Terrell of Anaheim and Paula Fahilga of Highland Range, Colo.; and one son, Steve Evans of Lake Forest, Calif. Margaret also had 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She had a lot of friends as well. Her family will miss her.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Louise Anna Verser

Louise Anna Verser was born to Clifford and Betha Mitzner in Kansas City on Oct. 16, 1914. She entered eternal rest on Nov. 30, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital. Private services were held.

Louise was Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in Boulder City, Nev. She loved to camp and enjoyed the out of doors as well as a great love for travel. Louise was an excellent cook and loved to work in her kitchen. Louise is survived by her husband, Burnett, of Weldon; her son, Bobby Verser, of Las Vegas; and a stepdaughter, Sonya, of Fairfield, Ohio.

Louise's passing brings a void to her family and friends.

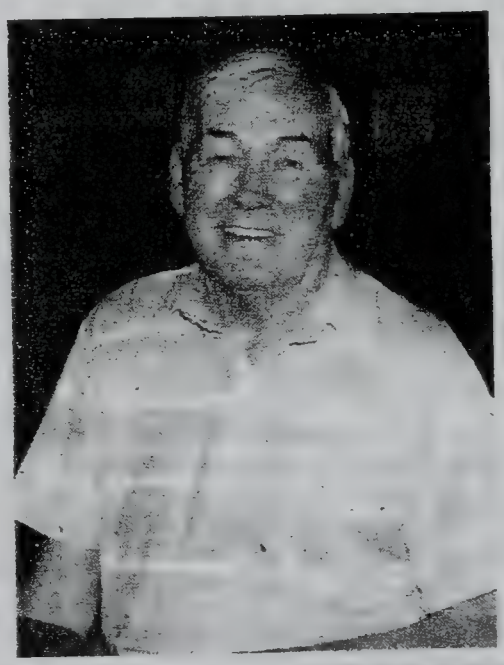
Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

In Memory Of

John K. Van Rensselaer

May 1, 1925 - December 14, 2000



Dad,

It's almost a year since you have been gone. Even though you're gone you are always in our thoughts. Words cannot express our feelings for you, for your life, and for your love of us. You are truly missed but never forgotten. Kiss Mom.

Your kids,
Patty, Sandy,
Pam & John

Bernice Genevieve Loveall

Bernice Genevieve Loveall entered life on Oct. 12, 1915, in Rockwell City, Iowa. Born to her parents, Harry and Matilda Collins, Bernice was raised with good moral values, intestinal fortitude and a strong work ethic. Bernice loved to work. She worked in real estate sales, retiring from Century 21 after 30 years in order to care for her mother for a short while. Later, Bernice wanted to move to Rivernook Campground to the permanent section. She then returned to work for Don and Linn Pascoe, owners of Rivernook. There she did some office work but she ended up doing mostly gate security. Bernice had a good run at working again, and made an impact on the lives of the people at Rivernook. She later returned to retirement and spent time with her loving family. But as these things do, Bernice fell ill and passed away on Dec. 12, 2001. She is to be buried at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Bernice will be missed by all who knew and loved her, and the folks at Rivernook shall very much miss her and will always remember her as a "tough ol' turkey."

Bernice is survived by her daughter Kay and husband Glen Adkins of Kernville; grandchildren Joe Adkins and his wife Ann of Bakersfield, Mollie Adkins of El Segundo and Scottie Adkins and his wife Gwen of Montana; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Harriet Carstens of Lake Isabella, Clara Neville of Prinville, Ore. and Darlene Jacobson of Sacramento; and brothers Garland Collins of Weldon and Paul Collins of Kernville.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Amos Mott

Robert Amos Mott was born Nov. 28, 1915 to Amos and Grace Mott in the family homestead in Nehill, Mont.

The family moved to Billings, Mont. where Bob attended school. He graduated in 1933 from Lincoln Jefferson High. Over the years he attended class reunions that he truly enjoyed.

In 1939 he joined the Army. He served in the European Theater and served in the Paris Embassy. He was discharged as a Warrant Officer in 1948.

Bob moved to California and worked for a glass blowing company. He took early retirement and moved to Bodfish, where he would have four seasons. He made many, many friends. Bob loved the mountains.

Bob was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Bodfish Beamers bottle club. He enjoyed eating at the Dam Korner in Lake Isabella and visiting Slugger's.

Bob was the last of his family. His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death. Surviving are five nieces and five nephews. He passed away in November of 2001 and he will be greatly missed.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman was born in Grand Forks, N. Dak. to George and Marge Crossan on March 19, 1940. She came to California in 1989 and lived in North Hollywood before moving to the lake area in 1994.

Shelly, as most knew her, was very active at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. It was at the Moose Lodge in 1997 that she met Jerry and they were married in 1998.

She loved to cook and was very good at it. She made cookies, cakes and banana bread for the Southlake Fire Department at least once a month.

Services were conducted by C. Preston North, Pastor of the Mountain View Baptist Church on Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Jerry Freeman of Weldon; sons Mike Bennett of Sand Springs, Okla., Mark Bennett of Tulsa, Okla., Brian Bennett of Jacksonville, Fla. and Jerry Freeman of Riverside, Calif.; daughters Brook Bennett of Studio City, Terri Berry of Norwalk and Sharon Lopez of Cathedral City; three grandchildren; and a sister, George Ezechan of Southlake.

She had a great love for her family, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were held on Dec. 20, 2001 at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Riedel

Richard Riedel was called to the Lord on Dec. 18, 2001. He spent a lot of summers in the Kern Valley as a youngster. He enjoyed riding and going to the high country with his cousins. He was a resident of the Valley for approximately 10 years total. Richard is survived by his wife of 35 years, Norma; his mother and stepdad, Helen and Jack Pierce; his stepsister and brother, Nancy and Buck Pierce; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Cliff and Casey Johnson; niece Caroline Johnson; nephew and wife Michael and Gina Johnson; two grandnephews, Nathan and Maxwell Johnson; maternal aunts Mary Sutton, Grace Kissack, Clara Lees and uncle Water Lees; and his church family at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Richard's funeral was on Dec. 21, 2001, and his interment was on Dec. 24 in Orange County at Westminster Memorial Park Eternal Light Mausoleum.

Richard will be remembered for his kind, easygoing nature, sense of humor and love of the game of golf. He was 61.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frank Weinmuller

Frank Weinmuller was born in Austria to Joseph and Anna Weinmuller on Oct. 26, 1908. He entered into eternal life early in the morning on Dec. 16, 2001 at his home in Southlake.

Frank came to the United States in 1908. In 1921, he returned to Europe and then returned to the United States. He came to the Southlake area three years ago where he resided with his son, Joseph.

Frank had a very interesting life. He was a very gifted man. He made his own rocking chair as well as a rowing machine that had rollers to massage his back and shoulders. He made many articles out of wood. He also made a papier maché figure of a dog for his son, Frank.

He loved music so much that he made a fiddle that he played. He also played the accordion and the harmonica. He also made a flute that he played. He was talented in oil painting as well. One picture that still hangs in the family home is of the good shepherd holding a lamb and sheep, but the river flowed between the shepherd and the sheep—depicting that we should stay close to the shepherd, not leaving anything between him and ourselves.

He was a house painter in Europe and learned how to paint things to look like many different kinds of wood and even to look like marble. He took a lot of pride in all of his work and it showed through in the works themselves.

Frank was a devout Catholic Christian. He and all his talent will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by sons Joseph and Frank, both of Southlake; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Visitation was on Dec. 20, 2001 with Mass on Dec. 21 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Father Patrick Persinger presided. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Reed "Jack" Ritchey

A memorial service will be held for Jack Ritchey at the VFW in Hawthorne, Calif., at a later date. Jack was born July 8, 1934 in West Virginia and he passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Dec. 19, 2001 at 9:15 in the morning in the arms of his loving wife of 32 years, Shannon.

Jack was a resident of Weldon for the past two years. He is survived by his wife, Shannon; five grandchildren; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers; and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Colleen Yasin

Colleen Yasin passed away Dec. 8, 2001 in Bakersfield at the age of 55. She was born in Pennsylvania on Oct. 13, 1946.

She is preceded in death by both her parents, Thomas Yasin Jr. and Agnes A. Yasin, and her brother Todd Yasin.

She is survived by her brother Mitch Yasin of Hawthorne; son and daughter-in-law Jon and Diana Yasin of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Nicole and Vince Gonzalez of Tulare; grandchildren Jessica and Ashley Yasin and Kamryn and Peter Gonzalez; nieces Erin, Megan and Kelley; nephew Ryan Yasin and many friends.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Clayton Gilbert Lusky

A private family memorial will be held for Clayton G. Lusky, who passed away on Dec. 19, 2001.

He was born in Duluth, Minn. on March 16, 1912 and came to California in 1937. He worked for Lockheed Aircraft for over 40 years. After retiring he moved to the Kern River Valley and was a resident for 35 years. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in passing by his beloved wife Celia. He is survived by his daughter, Marlene Nelson of Lake Isabella; and his son DeWayne Lusky and his wife Caroline. Also surviving him are his four grandsons, Michael, Jeffrey and Wesley Nelson and Damon Lusky; five great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. He will be dearly missed by his daughter, who he spend so much quality time with, and by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Keith A. McDowall

Keith A. McDowall, 74, of Kernville, died of cancer at his home on Dec. 23, 2001. Keith was employed by Southern California Edison for 40 years until his retirement in 1990.

Keith was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict where he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member and past master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827, the Royal Arch Masons chapter 162, the Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Bakersfield, the Knights Templar Commandery No. 39, the York Rite of Bakersfield, the Order of Eastern Star chapter 643, and received the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Keith was born June 13, 1927 in Exeter, Calif., to Archie and Mary McDowall, and grew up in Three Rivers, Calif. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Vinitia; a son, Greg McDowall of Monrovia; a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and David Roberts of Tustin; a sister, Bobbie Harris of Three Rivers; an aunt, Clara Alderson of San Luis Obispo; a sister-in-law, Euva Baize of Bodfish; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were held on Dec. 28, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Optimal Hospice Care, 1315 Boughton Dr., Bakersfield CA 93308, or the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Patricia Ann Hed

Patricia Ann Hed was born in Kansas on Dec. 14, 1922 to Cletus and Mary Noonen. Patricia entered into rest at Olive View Hospital in Sylmar on Dec. 23, 2001.

She came to California with her husband, Homer L. Hed, and lived in Arcadia. In 1956 they moved to the lake area. She was a great seamstress as well as being an accomplished cook. She worked at the Cozy Corner Restaurant in Kernville, later to become Pat's Cafe—of which she was the owner. She cooked at Ewing's for Jack Ewing and then up at Fairview, where she was a cook at Johnny McNally's restaurant. She worked there for Mary Ann Cole. After that she returned to Ewing's before retiring in the '80s.

Pat was an active member of the Woman's Club of the Kern Valley. She loved to golf and was an active member of the golf course. She could be seen many times out on the greens in the afternoons. She was also a devoted organ player at St. Jude's Church from the '60s into the mid-'90s.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Homer L. Hed in 1992. She is survived by her one daughter, Geraldine Hogan of Santa Clarita; sons Michael Hed of Colorado and Donald Hed of Kernville; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Charles and James Noonen, both of Hanford.

She will be missed by her family and friends. Services will be held at noon on Jan. 3, 2002 at St. Jude's Catholic Church with graveside services to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Edna Claudia Williams

A private memorial service is planned at a future date for Edna Claudia Williams, 88, who passed away in Stallion Springs, Tehachapi, Calif. on Dec. 6, 2001.

Edna was born on Feb 16, 1913 in Chance, Mont. to Claude and Estella Allen. Moving to California in the 1940s, she settled in Kern County.

Living on a ranch in Caliente with her husband, "Boy" Williams, they raised and nurtured over 50 foster children. They also donated land and helped in establishing the Caliente School in 1950. She was a charter member of the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association. Though busy with her duties on the ranch, she still found time for her interests of gardening, sewing, knitting, and tatting. She was known for her generosity to her family and friends, but also showed kindness to anyone in need. She was an avid lover of animals; however, she will most be remembered for the many lives she touched and impacted positively.

She is survived by her daughter, Alice Nathan and his husband Jerome, of Stallion Springs; granddaughters Kathy Cardon and Deborah Douglas-Hay; grandson Greg Barrett; great-grandchildren Jessica and Casey Cardon, Allie, Ben, Millie and Nick Hay, and Levi and Morgan Barrett; sister Zelda Bowers and husband Chuck of Bakersfield; brother John Allen and wife Lois of Bakersfield; and many, many foster grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Interment took place at the family cemetery, Rankin Cemetery in Walker Basin on Dec. 15, 2001. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edna's memory to her beloved Caliente School, P.O. Box 116, Caliente, CA 93518.

The family wishes to thank Hoffman Hospice for a gentle and loving transition. Wood Family Funeral Service of Tehachapi handled the arrangements.

Thomas Lee Brown

On Nov. 18, 1932, Thomas W. and Clara Brown were blessed with a son, Thomas Lee, in Bradley, Calif.

Tom's older sister, Barbara, really loved her little brother, so much so that when they were younger she protected him to the fullest. You better not bully her little brother or you would have Big Sis to deal with. They had a lot of family in Bradley and they were all very close.

Tom was an ardent outdoorsman. This started at an early age. As a young boy he would trap small animals and earn a little money for their pelts. Then as he grew older he eagerly looked forward to the first day of hunting season. He also loved fishing and prided himself on taking care of his guns and fishing equipment.

Tom was always a hard worker, starting in his early teens, working at a logging mill near Glennville. After graduation from Bakersfield High School, he joined the Navy and served from 1950-1954. He returned home from the military and had a few jobs before he settled in the oil business. He started from the bottom and worked his way up to Vice President and Controller of D&G Oil in Las Vegas, Nev. He retired from there Nov. 1, 1997.

Prior to retiring, Tom met Ronda in 1994 at a family Christmas dinner. This was the beginning of a new relationship. In Tom's unique way he later proposed to Ronda by comparing their lives to a football game—saying "we are in the last half, so why not get on with our lives?" Thus a new union began with their wedding on April 29, 1995.

After retiring he chose to move to the Kern River Valley to live closer to his family. Tom was a very caring, thoughtful and generous husband, dad, grandpa and friend. His family meant the world to him.

Tom passed away on Dec. 22, 2001.

He was preceded in death by his mother and dad, Clara and Thomas W. Brown. He is survived by a loving family and numerous friends: his wife, Ronda L. Brown; daughter Jackie Carter and husband Chuck; son Douglas Brown and wife Barbara; daughter Becky Lee Fox and husband Jim; sister Barbara Pierce and husband Leonard; nephews Leonard and Mike and wife Wanda; great-niece Tiffany and great-nephew Clinton.

Stepchildren are Jim Fox and wife Becky, Carol Birnat and husband Bobby, Norman Fox and wife Judi, Jeffrey Fox, Terri Hacobian and husband Darwin, and Shellie Tipton and husband Bart.

Grandchildren are Jeffrey and Joey Carter; Tiffany, Trevor, Jason and Brian Fox; Kim, Jennifer and Megan Fox; Chelsea and Spenser Fox; Courtnie, J.D., Ty and Lynnae Hacobian; D.J. Selk; and Caitlynne and Jakob Tipton. Tom loved and was very protective of all his grandchildren.

Tom is now at peace with the Lord who made such a difference in his life. He will be forever loved and remembered by all of us.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Russell Eugene Henderson

Russell Eugene Henderson of Lake Isabella passed away Dec. 23, 2001 in Bakersfield at the age of 75. He was born in Tulsa, Okla. on Aug. 16, 1926.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Patricia Ann Henderson of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Gary Ward of Shingle Springs; son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Jane Henderson of Summer Set, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Trisha Matthews of Apple Valley; son and daughter-in-law Dennis and Ellen Matthews of Arleta; granddaughter and grandson-in-law Rhonda and Jim Crawford of Lake Isabella; grandsons Rayme Ward of Cameron Park, Gary Ward Jr. of Placerville, Derrick Henderson of Missouri, Kenneth Matthews of Arleta, Ralph L. Reveles of Victorville, and Ricky Brandon of Apple Valley; granddaughters Rayda Takash of Sacramento, Amanda and Amber Henderson of Summerset, Melody Gray of Huntington Beach and Christy Brandon of Huntington Beach; many great-grandchildren, Kevin K. Rendon and Makayla Crawford of Lake Isabella, Alyssa, Austin, Taylor, Zachary, Bailey, Gabrielle, Joshua, Nathan, Taylor, B.J., Matt and Michael; and many caring and loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 4, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Arrangement were entrusted by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

J.D. "Smokey" Freeman

J.D. "Smokey" Freeman, age 79, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001 at his residence in Onyx. He was born in Giles County, Tenn. on Dec. 24, 1922 and served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Mr. Freeman and his high school sweetheart, Louise Case, were married in Arkansas on Nov. 12, 1939 and soon thereafter moved to California. They lived in Southern California until 1949 when they relocated to Ridgecrest where they remained until 1980.

While in Ridgecrest, J.D. founded Smokey's Garage and Auto Parts where he worked as an auto mechanic for most of his life.

As a side job, Smokey was a singer and guitar player in a country and western band called Arizona Outlaws. He also enjoyed flying airplanes and was co-owner of Valley View Airpark east of Ridgecrest.

Smokey and Louise also owned and operated the Bar-S Motel in Ridgecrest until 1982, when they retired to Onyx.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Louise C. Freeman, of Onyx; son James David Freeman of Lake Isabella; daughters Judith Anne Pullin of Norco, Calif., Linda Louise Malear of Lake Isabella and Lola Francis Edwards of Onyx; brother A.D. Freeman of Pine Grove, Calif. Mr. Freeman had 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002 at 1 p.m. at Holland & Lyons Mortuary in Ridgecrest. Reverend Bill Lewis of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church officiated. Private burial was at Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest.

Holland & Lyons Mortuary assisted the family with the arrangements.

Beth Mae Morrison

Beth Mae Morrison entered life on Jan. 8, 1925 in Taft, Calif. Born to her parents Herschel and Bessie Fray, Beth was raised with good traditional values and a strong sense of family. After moving from the Taft area at a young age, Beth moved to Bakersfield, where she completed her education and upbringing. In her years, she lived in several cities and towns, and worked as a retail clerk, waitress and most recently, a self-employed bookkeeper. Cooking, sewing and reading were some of her passions in life. But the most important thing to know about Beth was her all-consuming love for her family, and that she was the most wonderful wife. On Dec. 30, 2001, as these things do, Beth passed away and went home to be with her maker. Graveside funeral services were held on Jan. 4, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with pastor Mike Splawn officiating.

Beth Morrison is survived by her husband, Lawrence "Larry" Morrison of Weldon; children Ben and Nina of Weldon and Doug and Judy of Medford, Ore.; grandchildren Bobby, Larry, Victor, Lisa, Michelle, Marabeth, Doug Jr. and Dustin; and 19 great-grandchildren. We love you and we are going to miss you.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Lee Etheridge

Richard Lee Etheridge was born Oct. 8, 1930 to Thomas and Cecil Etheridge in Omaha, Neb. and passed away Dec. 30, 2001. He was 71.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean Conflict, Richard was a dedicated employee in the aircraft industry for 35 years and very much enjoyed his family, his yard work, painting, puttering and playing dominoes. He will be missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his wife, Judy of Wofford Heights; four daughters, Kelly Segler of Lake Arrowhead, Shannon Alonzo of Bullhead City, Ariz., Timmy Segler of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Loren Reinert of Palm Bay, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home and the Bonewell Family.

Sanford Elmer Silsby

Sanford Elmer Silsby passed away at home in Bodfish Dec. 27, 2001.

Sanford was born in Webberville, Mich. on June 17, 1918. He received an M.S.in education from the University of Michigan and was a guidance specialist employed by the Escondido Union School District. He lived in the Kern Valley for eight years and belonged to the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa.

Sanford is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marjorie V. Silsby; son Charles Silsby of Bodfish; son Ford Silsby of Bodfish; daughter Celeste Cersuey of Valley Center, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

His brother, sister and parents all predeceased him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, officiated by Pastor Dan Hellyer with the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa. He will be buried in Darwin, Calif.

Gwendolyn Smith

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1.)

A time to be born— Gwendolyn Smith was born March 6, 1904 in San Jose, Calif.

A time to be born again— Gwen gave her life to Christ. When the Lord opened his heart, she, in response, opened hers. She was an active member of the Weldon Methodist Church her whole adult life, serving in many capacities.

A time to plant— Gwen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, rancher and teacher.

A time to love— Gwen was married to the late Stanley L. Smith for 46 years.

A time to live— Gwen lived a full and wonderful life. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and being an active member of the Weldon Methodist Church and the South Fork Woman's Club. She enjoyed many summers in the mountains running cattle and cooking for the many ranch hands. She had a great sense of humor; she could dish out the practical jokes as well as take the many practical jokes from friends and family.

A time to die— Gwen went to be with the Lord on Dec. 30, 2001. She passed away peacefully at home.

A time to weep— Gwen leaves to cherish her memory her children; daughters Lorane Bailey and Joyce Shaw; her grandsons and their spouses, Stanley and Sharon Carver, Aaron and Leslie Branson; her great-grandchildren Kenny and Kristy Carver, Ariana and Kelsi Branson; and special friends Beth Gagnon, Starr Murphy and Cindy Alexander.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley L. Smith and grandson Bryce Carver.

A time to rejoice— it can be said of Gwen, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

A memorial service was held at the Weldon Methodist Church on Jan. 4, 2002.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman was born in Grand Forks, N.D. to George and Marge Crossen on March 19, 1940. She came to California in 1989 and lived in North Hollywood before moving to the lake area in 1994.

Shelly, as most knew her, was very active at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. It was at the Moose Lodge in 1997 that she met Jerry and they were married in 1998.

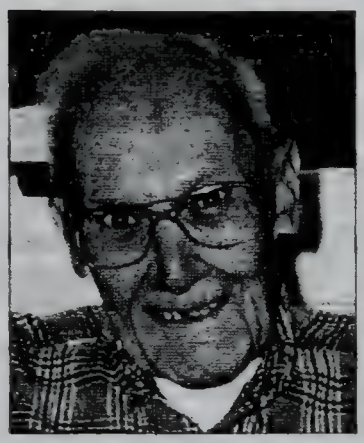
She loved to cook and was very good at it. She made cookies, cakes and banana bread for the Southlake Fire Department at least once a month.

Services were conducted by C. Preston North, Pastor of the Mountain View Baptist Church on Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Jerry Freeman of Weldon; sons Mike Bennett of Sand Springs, Okla., Mark Bennett of Tulsa, Okla., Brian Bennett of Jacksonville, Fla. and Jerry Freeman of Riverside, Calif.; daughters Brook Bennett of Studio City, Terri Berry of Norwalk and Sharon Lopez of Cathedral City; three grandchildren; and a sister, Georgia Czechan of Southlake.

She had a great love for her family, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were held on Dec. 20, 2001 at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Foley Robert Hamlett

Foley Robert Hamlett died after a long bout with cancer the evening of Dec. 22, 2001 at the Kern Village Board and Care.

His birthplace was Fort Worth, Texas on Feb. 19, 1921, born to Ruby and H.D. Hamlett.

At age 8 through 15 years of age, Foley lived with his Aunt Edna and Uncle Frank Harkrider in Ada, Okla. Then he moved to California to live with his mother and three brothers.

Foley enlisted in the Army during his teen years and served almost five years. He served three conflicts in World War II— Normany, Germany and Belgium, from the second day of the Normandy Invasion to VE Day, and then came home on the Queen Mary. He was in the Tank Battalion.

Upon returning to California, he met and married Eunice Pennese in 1947. They were married 51 happy years.

He leaves two children and five grandchildren—a daughter, Micaela and husband Mark of Viola, Calif., grandchildren Heidi, Kira and Ian; a son, Frank and wife Karen, and two grandchildren, Casey and Connor, of Edmonds, Wash. He is also survived by a brother, Bill, of Lakewood, Calif.

Foley's interests were fishing, camping and sports—especially baseball. He always had his eye out for a baseball game on TV.

His last place of employment was at Goodwin Pontiac in Burbank, as service manager.

Eunice, his wife, died in May 1999. They had for years hoped to move to the Kern Valley. Foley missed Eunice so much that he made the decision to move to Wofford Heights. His one year and 10 months here brought peace to his life. He enjoyed his new friends, and there were many. He also loved gazing at our beautiful scenery.

Two brothers predeceased him, Jack of Yorba Linda and Lefty (H.D.) of Weldon.

Foley attended his first Sunday morning church service after moving to Wofford Heights. And that Sunday he accepted the Lord as his Savior, at 79 years of age.

Memorial services were held Jan. 12, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. The service was conducted by Pastor Eric Malamma.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield or First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Haskell "Hack" Howard

Hack Howard of Lake Isabella passed away at his home on Jan. 7, 2002, at the age of 79.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1922 in Fall Branch, Tenn.

He is survived by a loving family and numerous friends— two brothers, Paul Howard and Don Howard; daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Harry Smith; step-children Joyce Sullivan, Ray Hamm, Gail Kramer and Donna Morning; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; and his good friend Esther Taylor.

He was a member of the Bodfish Beamers, the Kern Valley Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

There will be a memorial service at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella on Jan. 26, 2002 at 1 p.m.

Anna E. Butler

Anna Elizabeth Butler, 76, of Hillsdale, Mich., passed away Dec. 30, 2001 at her home. She was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Dayton, Tenn. to Charles and Pearl Goodson.

After working many years in retail in Toledo, Ohio, she retired in 1983 and moved to Wofford Heights. In 1988, Ann moved to Hillsdale to be close to her family.

She was married June 29, 1946 to Howard Butler, who survives her. Also surviving are two sons, Larry Butler and David Butler of Toledo; three grandchildren, all of Toledo; a brother, William Hicks of California; and a sister, Jean McGarity of Alabama.

There will be graveside services at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Hillsdale, Mich. Arrangements were entrusted to the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale.

B. Dale McNeil

B. Dale McNeil passed away in the University of Loma Linda Hospital on Dec. 7, 2001. He had moved to Hemet in Dec. 2000 and went into the hospital on Oct. 7, 2001.

Dale was born Nov. 12, 1932 in Lordsburg, N. Mex., coming to California in 1952. He was retired from Flying Tiger Air Cargo and Federal Express Corp. based at Los Angeles International Airport as a mechanic-welder.

He and his wife Jackie came to Lake Isabella in May 1982 for a weekend of camping and enjoyed the area so much that they purchased a weekend retreat which turned into much more than just a weekend place for family and friends. Dale enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and archery. He felt the Valley offered everything for retirees.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Jackie; three sons, Benton, Steven and Robert; one daughter, Deborah; eight grandchildren, Amber, Dawnna, Ryan, Jessica, Nick, Eric and Yanira; one brother, Jim; and three sisters, Laquetta Sabin, Nelda Hoffman and Lillie Deaton.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hemet 4th Ward, and interment was at Riverside National Cemetery on Dec. 14, 2001.

Onnie Adolf "Lucky" Kyt

Lucky was born to Sylvester and Hanna Kyt on Oct. 6, 1923 in New Leipzig, N.D. He entered into rest at his home in Bodfish on Jan. 6, 2002. Lucky served in the Army as a TEC 5. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

He came to the Isabella Lake area in 1969 after working at Lockheed and others in the aircraft industry. He worked in Bodfish for Colvin Sheet Metal Company.

Lucky loved the area since he enjoyed hunting and fishing so much. He also loved to bowl and was a great dancer.

Lucky is survived by his wife, Noreen, of Bodfish; son Kevin Kyt of Wofford Heights; daughters Karen James of Missouri and Cheryl Brock of Bakersfield; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A void is left by his passing and a great loss to his family and friends.

Services were held at the Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella on Jan. 9, 2002, with Pastor Ardis Sandell officiating. He also received a full military service by the VFW Post 7665. Burial will be in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2002

Kayaker's death continues to puzzle family

By Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writer

Following the tragic death of a loved one, time tends to bring closure.

But for the family of 41-year-old expert kayaker Barry Tessman, who disappeared one year ago today during his morning workout on Lake Isabella, there's nothing.

"We don't know anything more a year later than we did last Jan. 16," said Tessman's mother, Gerry Byrum.

He was last seen early on that Tuesday morning at Dean's North Fork Marina.

In addition to being an avid kayaker, Tessman was well-known as a professional photographer for National Geographic Adventure and other outdoor magazines.

Friends and family joined the Sheriff's Department in the search in the days following his disappearance, using their own boats, kayaks and all-terrain vehicles.

Tessman

More than 225 friends and family members gathered on the lake's shoreline to share their memories of him on Jan. 21 last year.

Thirty-two days after Tessman's Necky Phantom racing kayak was found—paddle jutting from the cockpit, empty, and drifting in the cold, glass-smooth water—the lake finally released his body. Left behind were his parents; his wife, Joy;

their 3-year-old daughter and an unborn child.

After an initial autopsy by the Kern County Coroner's Office, the family commissioned a second autopsy, which confirmed the findings of the first.

Tessman had suffered a "blunt force trauma" to the head. The cause of death, however, was listed as drowning. No other injuries were found.

"As it stands now, it was an accidental drowning death," said coroner division chief Jim Malouf. "Even with professionals, things can happen. Accidents happen.

"I haven't heard anything in almost a year," he added, "but if something is brought to the coroner's attention, the coroner can amend a death certificate at any time. We don't have a statute of limitations."

The second autopsy report states, "The blunt force trauma to the head and the discovery of Tessman's body in Lake Isabella, coupled with the water temperature and Tessman's kayaking skills, leaves many unanswered questions."

The ultimate cause of his drowning was noted as "undetermined."

The family agrees that there are too many questions remaining unanswered.

"It doesn't make sense to a lot of people," Byrum said. "(The Sheriff's office) didn't give it a lot of time or attention. They said, 'He drowned. Well, there's the cause. That's it.' They never followed up on anything."

"There were no fresh scratches or bruises on his hands, knees or elbows as would occur in a fall on rocks, said Barry's father, Norm Tessman of Prescott, Ariz. "Short of swan diving headfirst into an empty swimming pool, it is difficult to mold these facts into a scenario that does not suggest foul play."

Added Tessman's mother, "The trail is pretty cold now and if this was some random act of violence, that person is still out there."

Officials see other possible scenarios as probable.

Said Malouf, "The blow to the head which we saw was probably caused by the boat. (Tessman) could have hit his head falling out, or hit it trying to get back in."

"This is physically impossible," said Barry's father. "There was no way he could have hit himself with any force. This might happen in a rapid in whitewater,— that's why we wear helmets — but this was a flat lake. And Barry's Kevlar racing boat may be 19 feet long, but it weighs almost nothing — less than 30 pounds — it's almost like a balloon. And if he fell out of it, how did the paddle get in the upright boat, and why wasn't it full of water?

"This sort of damage requires a massive blow with something of the weight of a baseball bat."

After 34 days in the water, Tessman's body was in a state of decomposition which made determining when he received the blow to his head difficult.

He went on to cite that, "The paddle's presence inside the tippy Phantom suggests Barry probably came ashore and climbed out. He would have helped anyone who claimed to be in distress. It would have been tough to have tipped over, wet-exited, righted the boat, and placed the paddle inside without filling the Phantom with water."

At the time of his death, Tessman was training for a 1,500-kilometer kayak expedition down the coast of Vietnam, sponsored by the National Geographic Exploration Council. Tessman was extremely fit, fellow kayakers report, and an expert and highly skilled kayaker. He led a team in the Aleutian Islands that paddled against high winds and massive waves. Training for that expedition had included self-rescues in the cold winter waters of Isabella Lake.

"(The coroner's office) would look at anything that came in, but it would have to be substantial," Malouf said. "As it stands now, it was an accidental drowning death. And I don't know that anyone would know (what happened) without witnessing (it). It becomes more difficult, the longer you have."

"There are so many unanswered questions on it, it's hard to know," said Tessman's friend Tom Moore. "His dad feels very strongly that there's some foul play involved. My biggest feeling is I'm just sad."

[Tessman's family has offered a $20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved in the death of Barry Tessman. Information should be sent to: P.O. Box 4407, Prescott, AZ 86302.]

Joy Tessman places a wreath in Isabella Lake in her husband's memory on Jan. 21, 2001.

Roberta M. Cook

Roberta M. Cook passed away Jan. 13, 2002 in Mountain Mesa at the age of 91. She was born in Quitman, Mo., on Aug. 9, 1910, the daughter of William and Nell Carmean. She also had a brother, William.

She had two daughters, Bonnie Myers and Maxine Giron and son-in-law Gerald Giron; six grandchildren, Darla Burrows, Joe Weaver, Judy Shenale, Robert Bailey, Amber Giron and Merri Lei Giron; and great-grandchildren Greg Hopkins, Tammie Hopkins, Michael Keeling and Kristen Bailey.

She learned to work very hard when she was young. After her marriage to Earl Cook, they settled in Charlo, Mont. where she ran a cream station. She had cows to milk, raised food to can and butchered chickens while Earl worked out of town during the week. Long hours of hard work led her to tell a friend one day, "for two cents I'd sell everything and leave here." He gave her an offer and she sold. They then moved to Grand Coulee, Wash. where she worked as a cook and a waitress and later as a checker in a local store. In 1948 another move brought them to Bell, Calif. where she found work at Swift's meat-packing plant. Later she was a meat wrapper for 25 years. Upon retirement she and Earl enjoyed their home and loved to bowl and go to Las Vegas.

She was married for 56 wonderful years. After Earl's death she moved to Unionville, Mo. with her daughter Bonnie and son-in-law Bill, where she enjoyed a small town rural lifestyle. After her son-in-law Bill passed away, she and Bonnie returned to Lake Isabella to make their home for ten years. The valley was a safe and comfortable place to spend her last years and also brought her closer to her daughter Maxine and family and Bonnie's daughter and grandson Michael.

Although her last years were difficult due to health problems, she will always be remembered and respected and loved by her family and friends for her internal strength and determination.

Modene Martha Bosserman

Modene was born in Arkansas on Oct. 17, 1923 to William and Gertrude Jordan. She entered into rest at the Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield on Jan. 13, 2002. Two things she enjoyed the most were fishing and gardening. She was excellent at both. Modene is survived by her husband, Dick Bosserman of Bodfish; a son, Michael Bosserman of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; a sister, Anita West of Lake Isabella; and a granddaughter in Anaheim Hills. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were held at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella, with Jack Dilley officiating, on Jan. 21, 2002.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

DEATHS

Robert Lee Eubanks, 76, Jan. 17, 2002 in Bakersfield. Mr. Eubanks was a resident of Lake Isabella. Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

David Allen Benevides. A memorial service will be held at Valley Mortuary on Jan. 24, 2002 at 2 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

[This space provided as a service to mortuaries and funeral homes.]

Peggy Pethel Hatchell

Peggy Pethel Hatchell, 68, passed away on Jan. 10, 2002. She was a recent resident of Cary, N.C. and a longtime resident of Lake Isabella. She was born July 5, 1933 in Charlotte, N.C. to the late Harry G. Pethel and Helen Howard Pethel and was the widow of David L. Hatchell.

Mrs. Hatchell attended school in Chester, S.C. graduating from Chester High School in 1951. She was the recipient of an honorary scholarship to Lander College in Greenwood, S.C. and the Lions Club Good Citizenship Medal. Mrs. Hatchell was employed by Chester Telephone Company from 1951 to 1976. She was a member of the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was also a member of the Triangle Church in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Mrs. Hatchell is survived by her daughters, Cathy Thatcher of Winchester, Va., and Vicki Rohde and husband Jim of Cary, N.C. She is also survived by seven stepsons, Tom Hatchell of Green Valley, Ariz., David Hatchell of Citrus Heights, Calif., Lonnie Hatchell of New Braunfels, Texas, Guy Hatchell of Buellton, Calif., Kelly Hatchell of Goleta, Calif., Marion Hatchell of Prescott, Ariz. and Melvin Hatchell of Chester, S.C.; two stepdaughters, Becky Winham of Paonia, Colo. and Patsy Young of Chester, S.C.; six grandchildren and 15 step-grandchildren. She is survived by a sister, Betty P. Chappell of Chester, S.C.

A memorial service was conducted at the Triangle Church in Chapel Hill, N.C. on Jan. 13, 2002. A graveside service was held at the Royal Pines Cemetery in Winnsboro, S.C. on Jan. 14.

Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, N.C., 27605, or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were handled through the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Cary, N.C.

Don Martin, *Sun* fishing columnist, succumbs

Don Martin, the *Kern Valley Sun's* fishing columnist for the past several years, passed away on Thursday after a long illness. The staff at the *Sun*, and the Kern Valley community, will miss Don's fish stories and jokes. We'd like to extend our sympathies to Mrs. Martin, along with our wishes that Don is now fishing happily on that big river in the sky.

Gladys Charlotte Campbell

Gladys Charlotte Campbell passed away Jan. 10, 2002. Gladys was born to William and Gene Worthington on Jan. 5, 1907. Gladys' father passed away when Gladys was five, so Gladys and her mother moved to Pontiac, Ill., where they lived until Gladys graduated from the 8th grade.

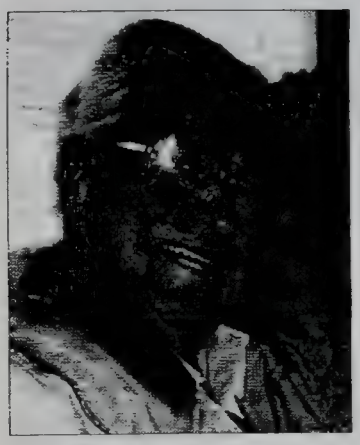
Gladys and her mother moved to Pomona, Calif. where Gladys graduated from Pomona High in 1924. In 1926, Gladys married Orion Campbell. One child, Helen, was born of this union. They lived in East Whittier, Calif. until 1945, when they moved to Old Kernville. Gladys remained in the Kern River Valley all the rest of her life.

Gladys was a pianist, and played for several churches and for many weddings and funerals of local citizens. She was very social and belonged to many organizations in the valley, including Eastern Star, as well as a P.E.O. chapter in Bakersfield.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, Orion Campbell. She leaves behind her daughter, Helen Witt; two grandsons, Stephen Witt of Bakersfield and Stuart Witt of Ridgecrest; four great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Private burial will be held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by Holland and Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest.



Lonnie Millis Watts

Lonnie Millis Watts died Jan. 12, 2002 at the San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield due to a stroke. He was born Sept. 27, 1912 in Olustee, Okla. He lived in Bodfish for the past 10 years. He and his now deceased wife, Hazel Bernice Gibbins Watts, were married on Sept. 29, 1933 in Oklahoma City. They had 66 years together before her death March 21, 1999.

The couple moved to the Kern Valley in 1992, where they had spent many times camping and fishing at Miracle Hot Springs and Tillie Creek Campground since the late 1940s. They enjoyed many trip around the lake, stopping to fish or just enjoying the views, before her death.

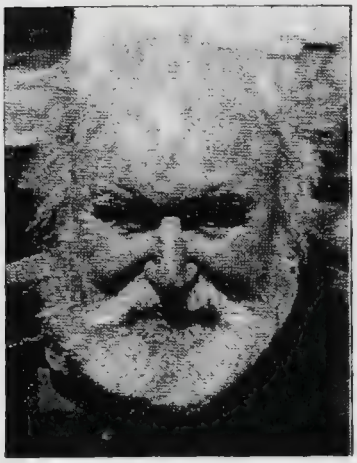
Lonnie was the son of Robert Burton Watts and Caldonia Whitney. He was the youngest child of ten brothers and sisters. Lonnie's mother passed away when he was about five years old. His father remarried to Emma Dickey O'Neal Whitney. She had several children of her own. The two families became one. Lonnie and Buster, as the youngest, became very close and had many adventures while they were growing up together on the farm. They were all hard workers and loved music, which Lonnie had been taught by his parents. Some of the older siblings learned by ear alone. He and his dad played for Saturday night dances. He was a good dancer and taught not only his daughter but some of his nieces to Jitter Bug and Lindy.

He came to California on a freight train in the '30s, then back to Oklahoma where his daughter was born. A son was born soon after his move to California. The rest of his family also came or was already here, settling mostly in Tulare, Santa Maria and the Los Angeles area. He and his family lived in Tulare and Bakersfield before settling in the Glendale/Burbank area.

Lonnie was a good bowler with a high game of 299. He loved to play pool, fish and hunt as well. He was also an extra in the old Western movies where he would wear a white hat and then change to a black one and chase himself. He loved to tell jokes to his family and friends. He was a member of the Elks and Moose lodges, both in Glendale and the Kern Valley.

He leaves behind his son, Bill A. Watts of Bodfish, grandson Daryl E. and great-grandson Robert A. Watts of Palmdale; daughter Jo Anne (Jody) Watts and son-in-law Ronald C. Chadduck of Bodfish, grandson Michael A. and wife Karen S., great-grandson Colin A. and great-granddaughter Laura E. Chadduck of Kirkland, Wash.; grandson Russell E. and wife Susan M., great-grandson Brian D. and great-granddaughter Loni Carol (his namesake) Chadduck of Thousand Oaks; his older sister, Eunice Watts Elliot, 92, of Tulare; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews scattered all up and down California as well as other states.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Sherwood "Bud" A. Wagner

Sherwood "Bud" A. Wagner of Weldon passed away Jan. 21, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Karen; his sister, Lorraine H. Marcy of Lake Isabella; his brother, Frederick E. Wagner of Hemet, Calif.; nephews Brian H. Marcy of Southlake and Mark H. Wagner of Garden Grove; and a niece, Reneé Sawyer of Hemet. He was preceded in death by both parents and a nephew, Vincent W. Marcy, Jr.

Bud was born on Nov. 24, 1921 in Elcho, Wis. to Frederick J. and Georgiana Wagner. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946 as a radio operator. He was an Industrial Arts graduate from the Chico. Later he worked in Civil Service as a draftsman in Hawthorne, Nev., Sierra Vista, Ariz. and Barstow, Calif. until his retirement in 1984. He loved family, friends and animals. He and his wife were involved in several parades in Nevada, Arizona and the Kern River Valley with their Palominos. His family and friends will feel the loss of him and his dry sense of humor for a long time.

There will be private graveside services held at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery in Hemet, Calif. at a

Ruth Solberg

Memorial services were held Jan. 25, 2002 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for Ruth Solberg, who passed away on Jan. 20, 2002 in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for seven years. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Sierra Performing Arts, the Historical Society and the Friends of the Library. She enjoyed singing and playing the piano. She spent most of her life in Staten Island, N.Y.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Albert Solberg. She is survived by her daughter, Anne Litz of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Evangeline and Kenny LeFever of New York; son Alvin Solberg and his wife, Helen; her brother John MacPherson Thomson; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Donald Martin

Donald Martin passed away Jan. 17, 2002 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Don was born Nov. 16, 1935 to George and Helen Martin. Don grew up in Covington, Ohio and graduated from Covington High School in 1954. Later that year he married his wife Dona, who survives. They had three children, Scott of Reno, Nev., Randy of Yorba Linda, Calif. and Sheree of the Kern Valley. Don had two daughters-in-law, Shary of Reno and Mary of Yorba Linda; four grandchildren, Joe, Ryan, Ashley and Andrea; and one sister of Covington, Ohio, Ruby Kingrey.

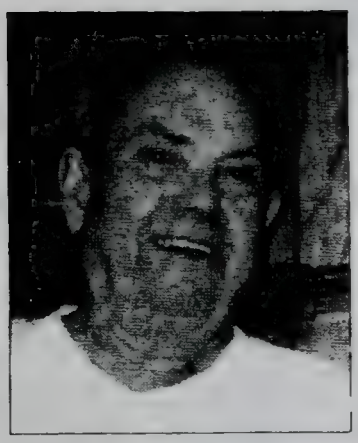
Don worked for Rogers Drums of Covington from 1954 to 1969. He and his family relocated to Anaheim in 1969 when Rogers Drums became part of CBS. Don retired in 1985. He and his wife moved to the Valley in 1986 and they opened Martin's Rod and Reel in Kernville. They closed the business in 1999.

Don was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a member and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and was a writer for the *Kern Valley Sun*, where he wrote a fishing column.

Don will be sadly missed by his family. Don enjoyed fishing and hunting and all of his friends that he met over the years.

At the request of his family there will be no public service. At a later date there will be a public memorial.

Arrangements were made



Jack William "Gankee" Stowe

A private service for family and friends was held for Jack William Stowe, 80, who passed away Dec. 17, 2001 from a heart illness. He was born May 31, 1921 in Santa Ana, Calif. His loving wife, June, whom he met in high school, survives him after 60 years of marriage. He is also survived by a daughter, Judi, and husband Lonnie Wun, and a son, Tim, as well as four grandchildren, Cynthia, Sandi, Tihoti Goupil and wife Tasea, Titania and husband Jason Williamson who knew and loved him greatly as "Gankee."

He dearly loved his seven great-grandchildren, Kai Mondido, Corey Rule, Makaela, Taiana and Mahina Williamson and Siosi and Vaihere Goupil and many nieces and nephews. Jack also leaves behind sisters-in-law Mary Peters, Jean Kaufman and Della and Randy Fairbanks. His mother, father and brother precede him in passing. Jack joined the Army in 1939, stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, where he attended Airplane Armory School until shortly after Pearl Harbor when he was transferred to the Air Corps and sent overseas to the China Burma India Theater. Jack was honorably discharged in 1945 after six years of service for his country. Jack received medals in Expert Thompson Submachine Gun, Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, and a Distinguished Unit badge.

He returned to Southern California and worked as an inspector of roads and bridges for Orange County, Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach.

He retired in 1972 and moved to Northern California where he and his wife operated a dairy for several years. For the past 15 years Jack spent his free and happy time carving beautiful and unusual items for the home and garden.

Jack and June moved to Lake Isabella three years ago, enjoying complete retirement in Mountain Mesa, continuing his woodwork and enjoying fishing, camping and boating with friends, neighbors and family.

Jack was a wonderful man and will be forever loved and remembered by all who knew him. He will be interred in the United States Veterans Cemetery in Loma Linda, Calif. with full honors.

The Lake Isabella Funeral Home made arrangements.

Solomon Henry Hall

Solomon (Hank) Hall was born in Pikesville, Ky. on April 5, 1932 to John M. and Mabel Hall. He passed away at his home on Jan. 19, 2002 after a brief illness.

He and his wife Marcella moved to Bodfish from Burbank in 1995.

Hank is survived by his wife of 36 years, Marcella; five sisters, Lorene Hayden, Shirley Milkoff, Charlotte Kingsbury and Juanita Olinger, all of whom live in Bullhead City, Ariz., and Levaun Spinner of Clifton, Va.; and one brother, Andrew J. Hall of North Carolina.

Hank was preceded in death by his mother, an older sister, Loretta Jones, and a stepson, Anthony W. Morales.

A Christian memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Jan. 26, 2002 with the Rev. Ron Seidel officiating.

Interment will be at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

He will be missed.

Lorraine Sangster

Lorraine Sangster of Wofford Heights, born Lorraine Taylor on Sept. 10, 1921, in Winfield, Kan., passed away on Jan. 8, 2002.

Beloved wife of Ralph for the past 63 years and the loving mother of Ralph, Jr., Gary and Sonie, Lorraine was also considered to be the best mother-in-law in the world by Denny. Her seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren will dearly miss her. Many more friends and family will remember her for her warm, loving personality and ready smile.

At the age of five, Lorraine moved to Borger, Texas, where she met and fell in love with Ralph when they attended rival high schools. They drove across the state line to elope on July 4, 1938.

After their second child was born, the Sangsters moved to California and found a home in Compton where they lived for over 25 years. During that time, Lorraine was a supportive wife and mother, raising a happy and healthy family. She was awarded a lifetime membership in the PTA and happily led the Brownie troop.

Lorraine was an artist. She enjoyed ceramics, hand quilting, painting, sewing, needlework and upholstering furniture— talents that have been passed on to her daughter and grandchildren.

Lorraine and Ralph moved to Wofford Heights after they retired in 1977. During her time in the Valley, she made many wonderful friends and participated in various clubs.

Lorraine will be missed and remembered by all that knew her and loved her.

Marjorie Virginia Silsby

Marjorie Virginia Silsby, 77, passed away peacefully at home in Bodfish on Jan. 21, 2002 after a battle with bone cancer.

Marjorie was born in Chicago on June 24, 1924. She was a retired nurse employed by the San Diego County Health Dept. She lived in the Kern Valley eight years. She belonged to the Christian Assembly of Mountain Mesa.

She was married for 54 years to S.E. Silsby, who passed away Dec. 27, 2001. She is survived by children Charles M. Silsby of Bodfish, Ford T. Silsby of Bodfish, and Celeste Carney of Valley Center; five grandchildren; and a younger brother, Frank Hines of Roselle, Ill.

Marjorie will be buried in Darwin, Calif. There will be a memorial service on Feb. 2, 2002 at Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa with Pastor Dan Hellyer officiating.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary of Bakersfield.

William Arnold Atwood

A memorial was held Jan. 30, 2002 at Valley Mortuary for William Arnold Atwood. William was born Aug. 10, 1919 in Cornwall, Vermont, the son of Arnold and Ethel (Williams) Atwood, and passed away Jan. 26 at his home in Lake Isabella.

William and Lorraine Davies were married on July 3, 1965 in Santa Barbara and she survives, along with his brother and sister-in-law Wright and Marian Atwood; niece Susie Atwood; and nephew Scott Atwood.

William was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Corps. He was a sergeant in the 78th Service Squadron, 101 and 82 Airborne in the European Theater. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665 here in Lake Isabella. The VFW Honor Guard performed the military service and the buffet was held at the Post after the service. He was interred at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Cynthia Isaacs

Private arrangements were made for Cynthia Isaacs, who passed away at her home on Jan. 24, 2002. Cynthia was born Jan. 23, 1936 in South Port, England. She lived in Kern County for the past 25 years. She loved to quilt, sew and cook. Cynthia and her huband Leslie enjoyed bowling before his death. In the last few years she liked to read and tape her favorite movies. Cynthia is survived by her father, Matthew Cowell of East Londo, South Africa; her mother, Josie Findley of the United Kingdom; her brother, David Cowell, who traveled here from the UK; and her brother-in-law and wife Hubert and Mable Isaacs of Bakersfield and her longtime companion, Anita Carrington of Lake Isabella, who was like a sister.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Martha Frances Brindley

Funeral services were held Feb. 13, 2002 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Martha Frances Brindley. Officiating were Pastors Gary Nichols and Dan Hellyer of the Christian Assembly.

Martha was born to Elbert and Tina Thompson on March 24, 1918 in Rutherford, Tenn. and went to be with the Lord on Feb. 7, 2002 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with cancer.

Martha was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 34 years and worked for Community First Bank and the Community Credit Union. She was a charter member of the Eastern Star for 53 years. Her hobbies were needlepoint, crocheting, embroidery and knitting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Franklin Brindley, in 1998. She is survived by her three brothers-in-law, Dennis, Charley and Richard Brindley, and her church family and friends.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

William H. Merrell

Graveside services were held on Jan. 23, 2002 for our husband, our father, our grandfather, our friend—William H. "Bill" Merrell of Bodfish.

Bill was born on Aug. 2, 1931 in Birmingham, Ala. and passed away on Jan. 16, 2002 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with diabetes.

Bill was a Korean War veteran, having done his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy.

Bill moved to Bodfish in 1974, along with his parents, who have both preceded him in death. He had numerous jobs in the Kern Valley, including working for the *Kern Valley Sun* and the *Ridgecrest Daily Independent*, which is where he met his wife of 23 years, Jeanne.

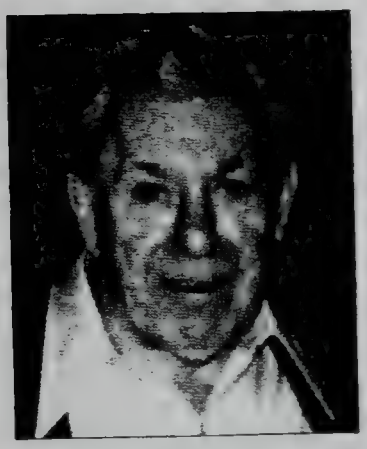
Bill went on to open his own saw sharpening business, which remained open until his illness got progressively worse approximately four years ago.

He loved collecting guns and had a collection to be proud of. He was a member of the NRA.

He leaves behind his wife, Jeanne, son and daughter-in-law Tom and Tammy Holcomb, daughter Kelly Folstad and her husband Brian, and a sister-in-law, Patsy Perkins, all of Bodfish; four step-children and spouses, Kim Aguilar and husband Joe of Canoga Park, Lynn Kaman and husband Doug of Clyde, Ohio, Steve Ruley and wife Sherry of Henderson, Nev. and Rick Ruley of Bakersfield.

He had 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two more who will be born in a few months, and numerous friends.

He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



Robert Lee Eubanks

Robert Lee Eubanks (Dad, Daddy, Pops, Grandpa, Bob), 76, was born Dec. 16, 1925 in Indianapolis, Ind., and departed Jan. 17, 2002, at which time he was residing in Mountain Mesa.

He was a loving husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend to many. Robert was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army and also the U.S. Marine Corps. Everyone who knew him was touched by him and learned from him. He will be greatly missed and remembered forever. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye. Hopefully we can all honor his life by being loving, caring and forgiving individuals. God willing we will get to see him again in the Kingdom of our Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel of Mountain Mesa; son Francis (Jolly) Eubanks of California Hot Springs; daughter Laura Lee (Eubanks) Faricelli of Long Beach; son Raymond Eubanks of Plainfield, Ind.; stepdaughter Vickie Derington of California Hot Springs; five stepsons, Bill Gibson of Oakdale, Ill., Rick Gibson of Canebrake, Ron Gibson of Carpenteria, Gary Gibson of Lake Isabella and Harry Gibson of Canebrake; the children's spouses; at last count, over 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Eubanks of Benton, Ky. and Eugene Eubanks of Monrovia, Ind.; and many friends.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 16, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Kern Christian Church "The River" at 14900 Highway 178 in Southlake. Services will be conducted by Pastor Michael Splawn. Members of the VFW Color Guard in Lake Isabella will attend the memorial service to pay tribute to their fellow veteran.

Following the services the Eagles Women's Auxiliary No. 3156 will be hosting a potluck at the Eagles Lodge, 12251 Highway 178 in Mountain Mesa.

Madrid Marie "Maude" Barr

Madrid Marie "Maude" Barr passed away on Jan. 24, 2002. She was born Dec. 30, 1918 in St. Martinville, La.

She was a housewife, a 40-year visitor to Old and New Kernville and a 16-year resident of Wofford Heights. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, the Women of the Moose, the Elks, and TOPS.

She is predeceased by her husband, Robert "Buck" Barr. She is survived by seven children, Robert, David, Alan, Clark, Debra, Denise and Larry; six grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, Summerly, Brian, Jared and Kalle; sister Wanda and brother Elmo; and companion Fred.

She was an amazing mother, sister and friend who was loved by all and will be missed by all.

Services were held Jan. 28, 2002 in Laguna Hills, officiated by Rev. Paul Uhlar. Burial took place at El Toro Cemetery in Lake Forest.

Margaret Elizabeth Yaeger

Margaret Elizabeth Yaeger went to her eternal rest Feb. 9, 2002 in Lake Isabella at the age of 85.

She was born to Christine Madelyn O'Brien and William Patrick Toland on Aug. 23, 1916 in Boston, Mass. In 1937 she married Albert Joseph Yaeger, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Margaret and Albert moved to Southern California in 1955 with their four daughters and settled in the San Fernando Valley, where she was employed by Lockheed for many years. In 1976 they moved to Lake Isabella and spent some traveling with the Elks camping club, The Wheels. They also had become socially connected with the Kern River Valley Sidewalk CBers, where they became known as "Kahlua King" and "Kahlua Queen."

Margaret liked to sew and crochet and tend to her roses. She was also very fond of her fruit trees and enjoyed canning the fruit they bore.

She also enjoyed writing poetry and in 1955 became involved with the Kern Valley Poets and Writers Club, and had some of her accomplishments published.

Margaret leaves behind four daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Henry Ridgway, Janice and Don Westphal, and Susan and Ed Eickhoff, all of Lake Isabella, and Gretchen and John Ruiz of Yucca Valley. There are also 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by a sister, Rita Kelley of Canyon Country; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. on March 2 at the Kern Valley VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James R. Downs

James R. Downs, 79, passed away Feb. 7, 2002 in Wofford Heights. He was born Dec. 18, 1922 in Frederick, Okla.

He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He dedicated 24 years of his life to a career in the U.S. Air Force. He retired in 1969 to enjoy his favorite hobby of fishing. This is how he came to live in this valley for 28 years. He was one hell of a fisherman! He had a wonderful sense of humor that he would always share. If you had the pleasure of being his friend you were always entertained by him not to mention he was always willing to help out no matter how big or small the task. When he could no longer go fishing, his hobby became drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes at local diners. This is how he established many long and lasting friendships.

He is survived by Gloria Morris, a dear friend and the mother of his six surviving children: sons Bill, Robert, and Richard Downs, all of San Bernardino, and daughters Carol Cooper of Riverside, and Freda Downs and Barbara Reymer of San Bernardino; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his brother Bill Downs of Texas and sister Barbara Tindell of California.

He leaves behind many friends, with special thanks to Cheryl's Diner and Frank's Diner for just being there for him!

Services are pending and will be held at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

He will be missed by many.

Jack R. Beaton, Sr.

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Jack R. Beaton, Sr., who passed away at home after a long illness on Feb. 13, 2002. Jack was born in Redford Township, Mich., on Feb. 2, 1942, and moved here to the Kern River Valley from Garden Grove. He purchased the Kernville Garage in 1978, and operated it for 25 years. He enjoyed boating and "pretending to fish," but most of all, he loved playing with his grandchildren. He was truly a people person. He was a member of the Moose Lodge as well as the Elks Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Barbara; his son and daughter-in-law Jack Jr. and Laurie Beaton of Bakersfield; son Tom Beaton of Wofford Heights; four grandchildren, Adam, Sarah, Jake and Delaney; and his brother, Donald Beaton of Weldon.

He will truly be missed by all those who knew him and loved him. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bradley Halver

A military service was held on Feb. 11, 2002 at 1 p.m. in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bradley Halver, who was born Oct. 7, 1943 in Los Angeles, and passed away on Feb. 5, 2002 at his son's home in Bakersfield. He was the son of Raymond and Marian (Bradley) Halver.

Bradley Halver married Gloria Hallabrin on Sept. 13, 1963 in Oxnard, and she survives, along with sons Steven and Daniel Halver; daughters Deanna Halver, Mamie Hart, and Julia and her husband Frank; a sister, Karen; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Bradley served his country in the Navy, beginning in 1962, for four years, six months.

Military funeral service provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7665, Honor Guard. Bradley will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and was a wonderful husband and father. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Camille Marie Bruster

Private arrangements have been made for Camille Marie Bruster, who passed away on Feb. 14, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Camille was born Dec. 25, 1914 in Brooklyn, N.Y. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977. She was a member of the Lake Isabella Horseshoe Club and the Golf Club. She also enjoyed sewing and doing beadwork. She and her husband of 53 years, Howard, enjoyed traveling together and took many cruises.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Bruster of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law DeDe Bruster and Phil Cohen of Moorpark, Calif.; daughter Margie Kersey of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brother, Adolph Bayer; and two nieces.

She will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

In Remembrance Of

DONALD MARTIN

There will be a memorial in his honor.
It will be held at 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9, 2002
at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville.

Family and friends are invited.

William Russell Kaderley

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 2002 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for William Russell Kaderley. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush.

William was born April 5, 1916 in Jasper, Mo. and passed away on Feb. 16, 2002 in Bakersfield.

William moved to the Kern River Valley 27 years ago from Venice, Calif. after retiring. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and gardening, and he especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mable, in 1997. He is survived by his son, Russell Kaderley of Bodfish; daughter Patsy and son-in-law Michael Stroud of Lake Havasu City; daughter Nancy and son-in-law Kirkland Tracy of Charlottesville, Va.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two brothers, Jim and Richard Kaderley; and a sister, Mayme Dennis. William will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Floyd Milton "Butch" Wiseman

A longtime resident of Squirrel Valley, Butch Wiseman passed away on Feb. 20, 2002 at the age of 59. Butch is survived by his wife of 39 years, Linda; his four children, Becky, Robert, Mendy and Donald; and five grandchildren, Hannah, John, Allie, Beau and Sarah. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed by family and friends alike.

Angela Maria Foster-Skates

Angela Maria Foster-Skates was taken from her loved ones on Feb. 17, 2002. She was riding in a vehicle and was thrown from it as it rolled several times. She was traveling just past old Kern Canyon Road heading towards Bakersfield on the 178 freeway. She was taken to Kern Medical Center where she passed away an hour later. She was 24.

She leaves behind two sons, Tyler and Michael, and their father, Mike Foster. Also surviving her is her husband, Russell Skates; three brothers and three sisters in Wofford Heights; her parents, Robert and Charlotte Whittington; and her grandparents, Charles and Marion Jones of Weldon.

Angie was a vibrant person full of life and fun. She was a popular bartender at many local area bars. She loved to fish and to be with the ones who loved her.

She will be greatly missed and remembered always with laughter in our hearts.

Services are pending.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Conrad Robles

Visitation was held on Feb. 20, 2002, followed by Rosary, at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, for Conrad Robles. Memorial services were at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Feb. 21. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Conrad was born Aug. 1, 1920 in Floresville, Texas, and passed on Feb. 16, 2002 at Bakersfield Heart Hospital at the age of 81.

Conrad is survived by his wife of 61 years, Anita; daughter Frances Harbour and husband Bruce of Whittier; son Joe Robert Robles and wife Debbie of Moorpark, Calif.; four grandsons, one granddaughter, six great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Other surviving family members include brother Sixto Robles; sisters Mary Ann Torres and Sophia Santibanez; two special nieces, Eva Borrego and Mary Escalera and husband Frank of San Antonio; and nephew Julio Robles of Auburn, Calif.

Conrad was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and served in Burma in WWII. He retired from Rockwell Inc. on Aug. 1, 1982, and moved to Kernville. He was a member of the Lake Isabella VFW Post 7665, the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge No. 498, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 7927, the Kern Valley Wagoneers, and a lifetime member of the Elks.

Conrad, we love you and miss you, and you'll always be in our hearts forever.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Tessia Louisa "Tess" Windham

Tess Windham was born on April 17, 1915 in Columbus, Mont. to Justin and Lelah Fowler. She entered into rest on Feb. 16, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountajn Mesa at the age of 86, with her son Richard and her granddaughter Diane at her side. Tess was a great wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

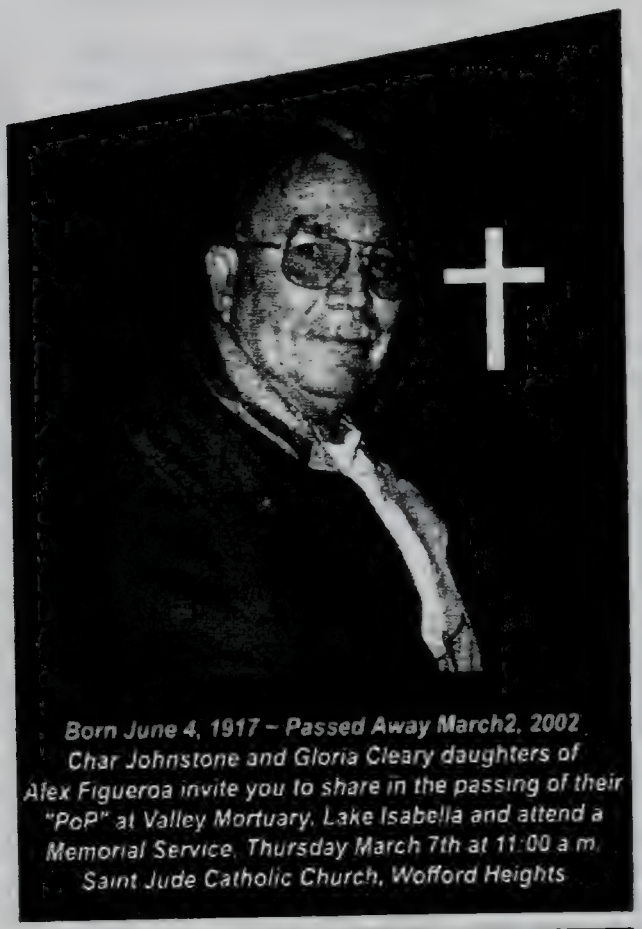
Tess was known as the lady who ran the half-way house for animals. She had a great love for any of God's creatures. She also loved the mountains she could see from her home in Bodfish. She enjoyed the different seasons and weather changes in this area.

Tess was the voice you heard for 20 years when you called her son Richard's plumbing business. She was a switchboard operator for Ingleside Hospital in the San Gabriel Valley area for more than 15 years before she moved to the Bodfish area.

Surviving her are son Richard and wife Clare of Lake Isabella; son Ted and wife Yolanda of Santa Margarita, Calif.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, H.A. Windham and two daughters, Nancy Lee Windham and Rose Marie Clouse.

Tess will be sadly missed by her family, neighbors and friends. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.



Alex Figueroa

In Remembrance Of

DONALD MARTIN

There will be a memorial in his honor.
It will be held at 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9, 2002
at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville.
Family and friends are invited.

Mary Rachel Klatt

Mary Klatt was born in Osage City, Kan. to Fred and Hallie Tyson on Dec. 7, 1910. She passed away on Feb. 20, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Mary came to California in 1940 and lived in Los Angeles until 1984 when she retired after working 20 years for a sewing factory. She moved to the lake area after her retirement.

Mary loved living here since she was a great outdoor person. She loved to hunt and fish and was an excellent archer and a good fisherman. She was a member of the Rod and Gun Club. Mary was also a member of the Eagles here in the Valley.

Mary was preceded in death by her daughter Ruta Mae Tucker and her grandson Robert Tucker. Surviving her are her son, William Klatt; one sister, Violet Maryott of Pennsylvania; great-granddaughter Sandra and husband Jason Martin of Sacramento; great-granddaughter Mary Ann Tucker of Reno, Nev.; great-grandson Jonathan Gordon of Mountain Mesa; and Robert's wife, Sharon of Mountain Mesa.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Louis John Kocsis

Louis was born to Peter and Rose Koscis on March 24, 1925 in Ogemaw, Mich. He entered into rest on Feb. 26, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Louis was an outdoors man who loved the mountains. He wanted to live in this area or in Utah. He decided that the lake area better suited his needs. His two loves were to fish and to hunt. He also enjoyed being with his friends at the Lode Bar in Wofford Heights.

Louis served in the Army during World War II, and then worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank.

Louis is survived by his son Rick of Wofford Heights; two daughters, Cathy Schmidt of Fort Wayne, Penn. and Connie Denning of Upland, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A void is left at his passing. He was loved by family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Leonard A. Hanning

Lifetime Kern River Valley resident Leonard Hanning passed away on Feb. 26, 2002, at 12:55 a.m. at the U.C. Medical Center in San Francisco.

He was born in Bakersfield, Calif. to Don and Josephine Weldon Hanning of Old Isabella on March 17, 1927. During World War II Leonard served in the U.S. Marine Corp as a guard on board a Navy ship. During this time he saw much of the Pacific front including China and the South Seas. Upon his discharge, he returned to Weldon where he and his brother, Walt Hanning, owned and operated the Hanning Bros. Ranch. He married Betty Ann Kegan of Mina, Nev. (now deceased) with whom he had eight children. In 1967 he married Marie Zabel. Living on the ranch, they raised their seven children. In 1976 they sold off most of the ranch and purchased Whispering Pines Lodge in Kernville, which they ran for 13 years. During this time Leonard also worked for CalTrans. Retiring in 1989, they returned to the portion of the ranch that they had retained to open Hanning's Pumpkin Patch, which Leonard and Marie ran until 2000 when they moved to daughter and son-in-law Christi and Todd Fisher's Creston, Calif. ranch, where Leonard was residing at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his wife of 35 years, Marie Zabel Hanning; two sons; a daughter; two stepdaughters, 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his brother and sister; and nine nieces and nephews. One infant son, John, infant twin daughters, Jerry Ann and Polly Jo, and son Casey preceded him in death. Surviving children include: Carson Hanning of Creston, his sons Nick and Andy of Julesburg, Colo., Patrick of Bakersfield, daughters and sons-in-law Kelly Hanning and her daughter Rusty Stone of Lake Isabella; Marty and Shannon Hanning Owens and their sons Carson and Jim of Reno, Nev.; Todd and Christi Zabel Fisher and children Vanessa Rivers and (twins) James and Brandon Rivers of Creston; Kenny and Becca Zabel Crosland of Bozeman, Mont. and their sons and daughter-in-law Neal and Ami Preston and their daughter Bradlie of Mt. Mesa; Cody Preston of Mt. Mesa; and Lane and Logan Crosland of Bozeman, grandson Ryan Hanning (son of Casey) of Los Angeles; Leonard's brother and sister-in-law Walter and Beverly Hanning and son Ceil of Weldon and son Clay of San Jose, Calif.; and Leonard's sister Dorothy Felix and her children Leonard Wayne, Leslie, Laurie, Kim, Shelly, Tina and Paula, all of Dallas, Texas.

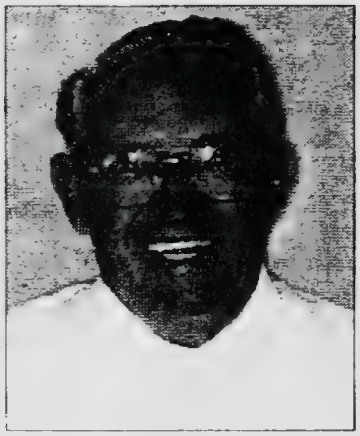
Leonard was a member of the Moose Lodge of Lake Isabella, the V.F.W. and the National Rifle Assoc. He had a life-long love of hunting, fishing and camping. His love of the land showed in his agricultural ventures, capped off by the tomato harvest of 2001.

His ashes will be retained by his wife Marie and will be mixed with her own and spread together.

Leonard was a wonderful husband and father and will be forever missed and remembered by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at the Four Square Church in Wofford Heights at 11:00a.m. on March 9, 2002, with a reception following at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella.

In lieu of flowers, any gifts will be donated by the family to The Family Link hospice house and UCSF Medical Center.



James Thomas Burdge

We mourn the loss of Jim Burdge, affectionately known as "JB" to many of his family and friends, who died peacefully on Feb. 27, 2002. He left this world for the next knowing he was loved by all who knew him. Graveside services were held on March 5, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor Dante Tangonan of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

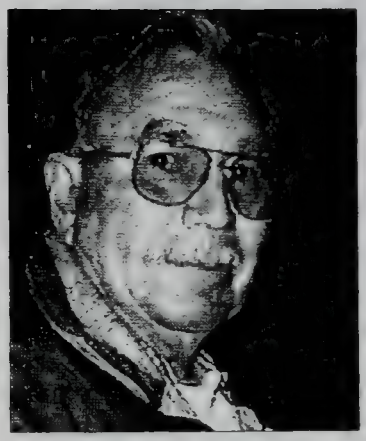
Jim was born on Feb. 10, 1921 in Helena, Mont. As a young boy his family moved to Tujunga, Calif. where he met the love of his life, Lauretta. They married on May 17, 1942. He served in the Sea Bees 5th Special Battalion in the U.S. Navy. He and Lauretta moved to the San Fernando Valley and raised their three children. During the next 25 years Jim had three careers. He was a plasterer and foreman of a construction crew, manager of Hollyview Manufacturing, then general manager of Doran Plastics. He and Lauretta took a weekend trip and, with their usual spontaneity, bought a mobile home in Bodfish in the Kern River Valley that they used for vacations. It wasn't long before Jim changed careers once again. They purchased the Kernville Texaco and bought a home in town.

Jim was always active in the community. He served a term as president of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, and while in office he initiated the building of the rodeo grounds. Whiskey Flat Days was always one of Jim's favorite events.

Jim loved life and lived it to the fullest. He filled his life with his family, his friends and his other passion, antique cars. You could always find him in his garage, working on his latest project.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Lauretta; their daughter, Lynette and her husband Dan O'Neill of Seattle, Wash.; their two sons, Richard and his wife Chris of Kernville and Jim and his wife Nancy of Bakersfield; along with six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. It broke our hearts to lose him but he didn't go alone, for part of us went with him the day God called him home.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Alexander Vega Figueroa

Alexander Vega Figueroa passed away March 2, 2002 at his Lake Isabella home. Alex was born on June 4, 1917 in Holtville, Calif. He is survived by his two daughters, Char Johnstone of Lake Isabella and Gloria Cleary of Simi Valley; nine grandchildren— Ronald Johnstone Jr. of Kernville, Rena Hudson of Tehachapi, Tracy Shofner and Kevin Johnstone of Lake Isabella, Rueben Cabrera of Carlsbad, Calif., Paul Cabrera of Simi Valley, Ryan Cleary of North Hollywood, Colleen Cleary of Mera Mesa, and Meagan Cleary of Simi Valley; 11 great-grandchildren— Alexander, Mandy, Joshua, Jeremy, Jacob, Kyle, Cody, Aaron, Alie, Alexandra and Jack; and two great-grandchildren, Sierra and Jacob.

Alexander served faithfully as the minister of hospitality at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Alex had many friends and family who loved him and he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met. He was a kind gentle man, who had a heart as big as his smile.

Father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, you are our favorite person in all the world. You will be sorely missed by family and friends, but we know that you will continue to look in on us from heaven.

Frances Brown

After fighting a long battle with cancer, Frances Brown died Feb. 21, 2002 at the age of 75.

She is survived by five children— Emil Vasco, Marjorie Manning, Nancy Siebert, Donna Castle and Patricia Vasco. She also leaves eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She never gave up, and was always concerned about everyone else. She will be dearly missed by those of us who love her. Our lives are truly better for her being in them.

So for any of you who are grieving, smile and be happy for that is what Fran would want!

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all of Fran's friends who loved her very much also.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

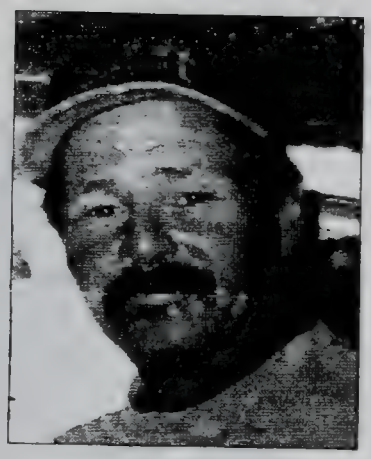
Virginia Marie Rose

Virginia Marie Rose was born to Hazel and Clemens Sutter on Aug. 15, 1921 in Dayton, Ohio and passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Feb. 28, 2002.

She loved to read and crochet and a big part of her life was devoted to her church. Virginia never stopped learning. She learned to swim at 53, to ride a horse at 63 and went back to college at 73. She had her ears pierced at 80.

Virginia loved the lake area and her many friends and was known for her great sense of humor. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Warren Charles Rose. She is survived by one son, Donald Rose Jr. of Reseda; three daughters—Linda Stroup of Dyersburg, Tenn., LaVonne Hurley of Vista, Calif. and Melodie Craig of Lake Isabella; grandson Matthew Craig of Lake Isabella; granddaugher Robin Ladig; great-granddaughter Samantha Martindale; and many, many friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Private inurnment was held. The services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family-owned funeral home.



Peter Blair Dixon

Peter Blair Dixon, or Pete, as his friends knew him, entered this world on Aug. 19, 1950, and the Lord took him home on Feb. 22, 2002.

Known by many and loved by all who knew him, Pete will be dearly missed. Pete was truly an inspiration of happiness to us all. He knew how to take the worst, and make the best of it. There was rarely a time when he wasn't smiling. Those who knew him describe him as "all heart." This is how we will always remember him. Though he didn't have much, he was always the first to offer whatever he did have. We were blessed by his presence for 51 years, though it seems like such a short time. He always offered a shoulder to cry on, or even just a friendly word of advice, but that helped many. Pete was truly a gift. He will always be cherished in our hearts and minds forever.

Pete is survived by his son, Nathaniel Blair Dixon, daughter Randi Anne Dixon, and many friends who loved him dearly.

William Alan Rose

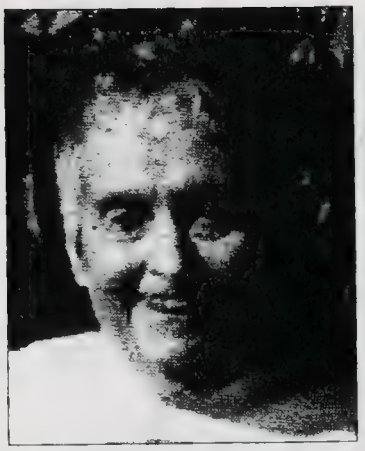
Bill, as he was known, was born on April 23, 1949 in Pasadena, to Bill and Ruth Rose. He passed into eternal rest on March 8, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Ruth; a sister, Vera; a brother, Guy; and his companion, Melody.

Bill lived in Kern County for 25 years and was employed by the county as a maintenance technician for the Parks and Recreation Department.

He served his country during the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Pasadena. Bill will be greatly missed by family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002



Florence Edna Silveira

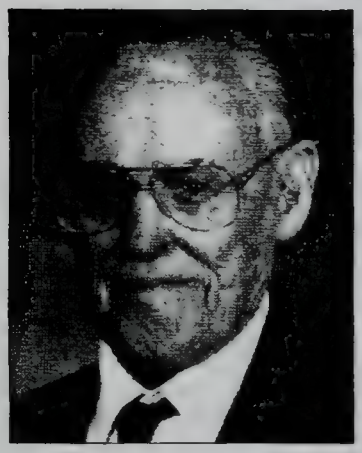
Florence Edna Silveira passed away on March 13, 2002. She was born May 22, 1910 in Los Angeles, the daughter of Emma Shaner.

Florence and her husband, Johnnie, met in El Monte, Calif. She was selling tickets at a local movie house and he bought tickets from her. When it was time for her to quit, she would join him inside. They married in 1930. They settled in West Los Angeles where Johnnie was head production manager of the ice cream department at Adohr Milk Farms on La Cienega Blvd. Because of the many creations and gold medals at the Pomona Fair, Johnnie and Florence were invited to become a part of the famous Farmers Market at 3rd and Fairfax in L.A. Their ice cream became quite popular. Johnnie made over 30 flavors and Florence managed their store and made ice cream cakes and molds for every occasion. She was well known for her beautiful fruit bowls. Each fruit was made from its flavor of ice cream.

They ran their ice cream business for 16 years, then retired to Pismo Beach, Calif. Johnnie passed away on Father's Day 1976 and Florence continued to stay until 1987, when she moved to Lake Isabella to be close to her daughter and son-in-law. Barbara and Bill were able to buy the property next to theirs and set up a mobile home on it for Florence.

She leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bill Heizer of Lake Isabella; her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Joanne Silveira of Oroville, Calif.; granddaughter and husband Lori and Kevin Riley of Chico, Calif.; and great-granddaughter Sarah Kurofsky of Moorpark, Calif. She was an amazing lady, mom, mother-in-law, grandma, "Sweetie" and a friend who was loved by all.

Mom, we love you and you will always be in our hearts. Graveside services were held March 19, 2002 at the Arroyo Grande Cemetery in Arroyo Grande, Calif.



George Mitchell Croft

George Mitchell Croft was born on Oct. 2, 1912 in Hopkinsville, Ky., to Luther Benson Croft and Katie Pansy Mitchell. He died on March 10, 2002 following surgery.

George moved with his family to the Los Angeles area in 1917 where he graduated from Washington High School. George worked in the building trade as a lather and also worked in a knitting mill before becoming a carrier for the U.S. Post Office in 1939, where he worked until he retired to Kernville in 1969. He served in the U.S. Navy from Dec. 1943 to Feb. 1946 stationed at the San Francisco Fleet Post Office and then at the Advanced Base Depot in San Bruno. There he met and married a Navy Wave, Grace (Gay) Jahnke. After his retirement from the Post Office, they managed the Sierra Trailer Lodge in Kernville for three years.

George loved photography and he had his own darkroom. He also was a model train enthusiast. He loved music and played the trumpet. He loved fishing. He enjoyed traveling both in his RV and on cruises.

George was a 20-year member in good standing at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He had also kept his NALC union card for over 60 years.

George leaves Gay, his wife of 56 years; a sister, Kathryn, of Atascadero and her family; and a brother, Richard, of Fountain Valley, and his family. His daughter by a previous marriage, Georgia, predeceased him but he leaves her three children, Gerry, Nancy and Chris White and two great-granddaughters, Stacey and Tonya. He also leaves many wonderful friends in the Kern River Valley.

A memorial service was held on March 16, 2002 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by the Mish Funeral Home (Centennial) in Bakersfield.

Fredrick "Fred" Alphosus Cassidy

Fred Cassidy was born in Pueblo, Colo. on Nov. 19, 1914 and entered into eternal rest in Hanford, Calif. on March 9, 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick and Lillian Cassidy, and his loving wife of 53 years, Eleanor.

Fred is survived by two daughters, Cecelia Misner of Carson, Calif. and Theresa Burke of Hanford, Calif.; four sons, Fredrick Jr. of Winters, Calif. and Patrick, William and Paul, all of Bodfish; two sisters, Kathleen Askew and Patricia Elbersol of Colorado; and four grandchildren.

He was a World War II veteran, honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Forces on Dec. 29, 1945.

Fred was employed as a machinist for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Co. He retired after 30 years of service. During his employment, he was a member of the Rod and Gun Club. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Los Angeles.

Fred and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977. He loved the outdoors and worked part-time with the Forest Service for 20 years. His hobbies included building bird houses and wishing wells.

The last few months of his life were spent doing what he does best— gambling. He will be missed by his family and his many friends here in the valley. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Crystal "Chris" Sutton

Chris Sutton of Wofford Heights passed away quietly in the home of her daughter in Redondo Beach on March 1, 2002 after a hard-fought year-long battle with cancer. She was 77 years old.

Chris was born on May 11, 1924 in Crystal Plains Township, Kansas. She moved to the South Bay area of Los Angeles in 1942 after high school graduation. In 1947 she met and married Bill Sutton and settled in Hawthorne, Calif. to raise their three daughters. She retired from Continental Airlines in 1982 and she and Bill moved full time to their home in Wofford Heights. She was active in Ladies of the Elks and was named "Lady of the Elks" for 1995-1996.

Chris is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bill; and daughters Deana (Terry) Trefz of Newbury Park and Linda (Tom) Dill of Redondo Beach. She was "Grandma Rose" to six grandchildren: Tracy (Nick) Lacasella of Rancho Santa Margarita, Jenny (Brian) Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Christian Trefz of Newbury Park, Calif., Katie Dill of Boston, Mass., and Scott and Jeana Dill of Redondo Beach. She was great-grandma to Khelsea Trefz, Devyn Smith, Zachary Lacasella, Chase Smith and her own angel, Gabriel Lacasella, who was born on Christmas Day 2001. Also surviving are her brother-in-law Kenneth (Peggy) Sutton and sisters-in-law Bernice Barga, Ruth Duntz, Verna Duntz, Margarite Duntz and Bernadine Duntz. "Aunt Rose" will be missed by scores of nieces and nephews around the country. She was preceded in death by daughter Jeanne Sutton in 1971, and her parents and six siblings. Family was her greatest joy in life.

Chris's family wishes to thank Dr. Jaime Lee Ho and his staff for all their loving care, Dr. Chang and Josephine and all the nurses and respiratory staff at Kern Valley Hospital. We cannot possibly repay all the kindness from the Elks and Ladies of the Elks— especially those of Aggie, Lonnie and Julia. Thanks to Leah and Vaughn Gillette, who were always there when we needed them. Donations in her name may be made to the valley hospice program.

Victoria Lynn Busch

Victoria Lynn Busch was born March 17, 1953 in Santa Monica and died March 11, 2002 in Kernville.

Loving mother of Jessica Busch of Camarillo, Calif, Vicki grew up in Southern California and Sydney, Australia. A strong and expressive woman, she touched the hearts and minds of everyone she met.

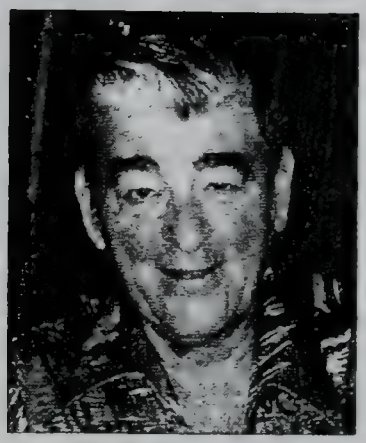
A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Vicki loved art and created some fine works of her own.

Vicki taught in Ventura for a time as an ESL instructor and more recently worked part time at Camp Owen. In fact, she seemed most happy when teaching.

In addition to her daughter, Jessica, Vicki is survived by her husband, William Busch; her father, John H. Johnson of Kernville; her mother, Dorothy Fergusson of Santa Monica; and brothers Chris Johnson of Santa Barbara and Craig Johnson of Fort Walton, Fla.

A memorial service was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on March 16, 2002.

Arrangements were made with the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.



Daniel A. Lodygowski

Daniel A. Lodygowski, 67, passed away March 16, 2002. Dan served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955. He received a National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal. He worked as a tuckpointer on the high rise buildings in Chicago and later in Los Angeles. After that, Dan was a finish carpenter. He lived in Montrose, Calif. but spent his free time in Kernville where he later retired. Dan had many friends in both Montrose and Kernville.

As Dan requested, there was cremation and no services.

Donations to the Leukemia Society in Dan's name would be appreciated.

Although Dan has passed away, he will never be forgotten.

Evelyn J. Lane

Evelyn J. Lane entered life on May 28, 1934, in Nashville, Ark. Evelyn was raised in Arkansas until she was five years old and then moved to Oklahoma, where she grew up. It was during this time that she learned many of the skills that she later became known and beloved for by her family. She became a good cook, and she loved to sew, quilt and knit, and she loved doing puzzles. In 1951, she married the love of her life, Wendell Jackson Lane. The two settled down in the city of Bell Gardens, Calif., where they began to raise their family together. The two purchased property here in the Kern River Valley and later moved to the Canebrake/Onyx area. By looking at Evelyn's garden at their new home, you could tell that her favorite time of year was the springtime. She was a tremendous gardener. But most importantly, Evelyn was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She dearly loved her family and always stood by them. Along with her family, she also had a wonderful loving relationship with her dogs and especially her pig. Sadly, after 47 years of marriage to her adoring husband Wendell, he passed away in the evening hours of Sept. 15, 1998. Evelyn stayed strong for her family and continued on bravely. Unfortunately, she too fell ill and she passed away on March 14, 2002. Graveside funeral services were on March 20, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Dan Hellyer of the Christian Assembly of Mountain Mesa is presiding. Evelyn will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Evelyn J. Lane is survived by her children, Wendy Sanders of Washington state; Martin Lane of Chino, Calif.; Valoree Morris of Diamond Bar, Calif.; and Scott Lane of Anchorage, Alaska. Also surviving her are her grandchildren Martin Lane, Jr. of Los Angeles; Adam Sanders of Kernville; Amber Donaldson of Oregon; Travis Lane of Anchorage; Dillion Lane of Anchorage; Scot Lane Jr. of Anchorage; Jenna Morris of Diamond Bar; and Riley Morris of Diamond Bar. Evelyn is also survived by two great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher, born Feb. 25, 1914, passed away at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on March 22, 2002. He is survived by his brother, John Welcher of Colton; his sister Imo Ryan of San Juan Capistrano; his son, John E. Welcher and daughter-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; and daughter Joann Taylor of Bodfish; 10 grandkids; many great-grandkids; several great-great-grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Panama, Ark., raised in Oklahoma, and then moved to California when he was about 17. He was involved in racing at Muroc and Mirage dry lakes with his brother John, Vic Edelbrock, the Miller Brothers, Roy Richter and many other friends. He was an avid motorcycle rider starting out in 1932 on an Indian Scout and Harleys. He worked at Douglas Aircraft in Tool and Design during the Second World War. After the war he worked as a mechanic for several years, then started his oil field contracting business called Welcher Hydraulics in the Los Angeles area. He retired and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1967. He was also, in his later years, a member of the Over-the-Hill Motorcycle Club here in the Valley and stopped riding when he was 81. He was also Amateur Radio Operator WA6TGP. We know that he is going to be missed by family and friends. He believed in the Word of God that says, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ." All the family would like to thank Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Acute Care and the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility for their kind care. There will be no services per Dad's request.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Robert Hans Bredal

Private services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on March 27, 2002 for Robert Hans Bredal, who passed away March 21, 2002 in Laguna Hills, Calif, of cancer and pneumonia.

Bob was born Nov. 10, 1920 in Chicago. He attended Valparaiso University from 1939 until June of 1942, majoring in accounting. His college degree was put on hold when he enlisted in the Coast Guard in June 1942 during World War II. After his discharge in 1946, he married his sweetheart, Dorothy, and completed his last year of college at Valparaiso, graduating in June of 1947. Together, Bob and Dorothy moved to California and he worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell in San Francisco. They bought a home in San Lorenzo and had one daughter, Pamela. In 1957, he became a Certified Public Accountant.

Eventually, Bob moved his family to Pasadena, Calif. to go into business for himself. His dad worked alongside him and they enjoyed many years together. Later, after taking many weekend trips to Lake Isabella, he and Dorothy decided to move there and Bob closed his Pasadena office and opened his own CPA firm in Wofford Heights.

He became involved in many civic and community organizations— the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Exchange Club, the Kern Valley Elks, the Rod and Gun Club and the Masons. He often held the office of treasurer because he had a way with numbers. Bob also volunteered his help with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) where he taught people how to help others prepare their income tax returns. This was especially helpful for those in the lower income tax bracket. Bob and Dorothy also became involved with the CB group. He was known as "Calculator" (naturally) and Dorothy was "Blue Eyes."

Over the years, he loved listening to his many record albums, working on his stamp and coin collections, fishing (when he had the time) and playing golf. He enjoyed the game of Cribbage and let's not forget dominoes. And he read anything by Louis L'Amour.

Bob "officially" retired in September 1993, but you could still find him busy at his office. Retirement never seemed to suit him. When Dorothy passed away in August 1999, Bob remained in their home. They had been married for 53 years. He was not accustomed to being alone, but he wanted to remain in "God's Country," as he called his home in the Valley.

When he suffered a stroke in October 2000, it affected his right side and it became clear that the time had come for him to move closer to his daughter and her family in Orange County. He lived in Villa Valencia, a lovely Skilled Nursing Facility in Laguna Hills, and he adjusted to his new life there. He was confined to a wheelchair, but it never stopped him from joining in the various activities they provided.

In the fall of 2001 it was discovered that he had oral cancer. He was very courageous throughout his fight against the disease and the side effects of the radiation, but a cure was not meant to be. Pneumonia eventually took his life. His family was with him when he passed away peacefully into God's loving arms. It comforts us to know he is in Heaven with Jesus.

Bob will always be remembered in our hearts as a man with integrity, a loving dad and grandfather, a good friend to all he met and a terrific CPA. He leaves behind his daughter and son-in-law Pam and John Lincoln and his grandson Andrew, all of Lake Forest, Calif.; and his wife's sister and her husband, Sandra and Vern Domeier of Boise, Idaho. We will miss him very much.

Faye Juanita Goff

Faye Juanita Goff was born April 10, 1920 in Kellyville, Okla. Faye moved to Lake Isabella with her husband Barnie Goff in 1969. Faye was a member of the VFW in Lake Isabella and was also a member of the Eagles in Mountain Mesa. Also she belonged to the Bodfish Beamers. Faye was preceded in death by her husband Barnie Goff; her son Rodney Guy; three brothers (one of whom passed away 12 hours before her); and two sisters. Faye leaves behind many loved ones—two daughters, Larue Alegria of Lancaster and Katherine Maloney of Bakersfield; nephews Robert Jones, Craig Maxwell, Virgil Maxwell, Spencer Jones and Dale McMillan; nieces Carrie Pedroza, Teresa Williams, Tawanna Cecil, Debbie Jones and Reba Westreicher. Faye loved to fish and she loved to care for her lovely roses. Faye entered eternal life on March 21, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Kern Valley Hospital, with her niece Tawanna Cecil by her side. Faye had lived at the nursing home for three years. Faye will be greatly missed.

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To Those I Love And To Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me and let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love,

You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

Thank you for the love you each have shown,

but now it's time that I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grief you must,

then let your grief be comfort by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

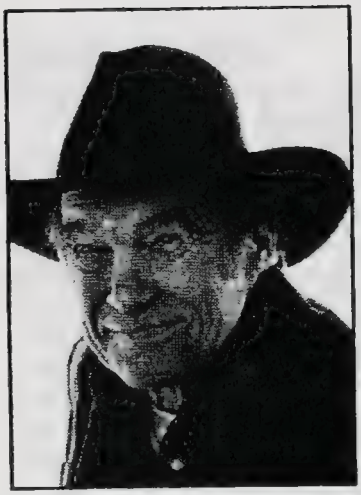
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome home."



Edward Louis Zingelewicz

Graveside services were held March 30, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edward Louis Zingelewicz who passed away in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Edward was born March 11, 1929 in Erie, Pa. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley in 1994 after retiring from the motion picture business. He worked as a set painter for 30 years and was known as "Killer."

He enjoyed gardening and fishing and "Our Place" to have a beer with his friends.

Edward is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janice; son and daughter-in-law Dan and Carolyn Zingelewicz of Canyon Country; daughter and husband Candice and Larry Watson of Agoura Hills; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother and sister-in-law Frank and Mary Zingelewicz of Erie, Pa.; brother and sister-in-law Steph and Aderline Zingelewicz of Erie, Pa.; sister and husband Gladys and Al Barcynski of Erie, Pa.; sister and husband Jean and Bob Olszewski of Los Alamitos, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mary Elizabeth Gerald

A memorial Mass is scheduled for today, April 3, 2002, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Mary Elizabeth Gerald, who passed away on March 26, 2002. A second memorial Mass is scheduled for April 5, 2002 at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua in Gardena, Calif.

Mary was born on Oct. 19, 1921 in Grand Junction, Colo. to her parents Joseph and Louisa. After high school, Mary spent some time in college picking up some of the skills she would need for her future career.

Mary moved to California and began working for the Walt Disney Studios as an illustrator/animator and then at Warner Brothers Studios. She worked on Fritz Freleng's animation team as an assistant animator bringing the "Looney Tunes" characters to life. Mary's hand helped bring Bugs Bunny and many other favorites into our homes.

Mary met and later married the love of her life, Ray Gerald. As much as she loved being a part of animation history, Mary gave up her little piece of "Americana" to become a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She chose to devote all her time to building her family and raising them the right way Being the matriarch of her family did not extinguish the creative flair that dwelled inside her. Mary continued to work in her own private studio and became very active in her church.

After moving to the Kern River Valley in 1994, Mary became highly involved at St. Jude's Catholic Church, where she became an artistic painter. Anything the rather would ask her to design/paint, she would take on wholeheartedly, and create it with style and elegance.

Mary is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Fred Clifton of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Jay and Carli Gerald of New York; grandchildren Sarah Bean of Lakewood, Calif.; Samantha and Katie Clifton of Wofford Heights; and two great-grandchildren, Rosalie and Vincent Bean of Lakewood, Calif. Mary is preceded in passing by her loving husband of 44 years, Ray Gerald.

Mary was a wonderful woman who has given so much to us all and has gone to be with the Lord. She will be truly missed by all of her loving family and special friends and by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert S. MacKenzie

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Taft on March 22, 2002 for Wofford Heights resident Robert S. MacKenzie, 70. Mr. MacKenzie was born in Decatur, Ill. on Sept. 8, 1931 and passed away on March 19, 2002 at a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. MacKenzie came to Wofford Heights in 1989 and managed the Jessie James Trailer Park for many years. Mr. MacKenzie was preceded in death by his wife, Diane MacKenzie. His survivors include his son, Brian Scott MacKenzie of Bishop; his sister, Joy Lamb of Illinois; his two daughters, Katherine Tyson of Bakersfield and Victoria Chavez of La Crescenta; his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of the Erickson & Brown Funeral Home in Taft.

Lucy Ethelyn Cross

Lucy Ethelyn Cross was born on Jan. 12, 1908 and passed away on March 25, 2002.

Lucy was a 13-year resident of the Kern River Valley. The last four years she resided at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital. Her big smile was because of Doug, Bruce, Keith and Buelah and good friend Myrtle.

Lucy's loving marriage of 62 years was ended in 1995 with the death of her husband, Richard.

She was the proud mom of seven, grandma of 19 and great-grandma of 20. Her two oldest sons preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Richard (June) Cross of Lake Isabella, Maudee Akers of Burbank, Helen Bright of Seneca, S.C., Robert (Verna) Cross of Hutchinson, Kan. and Victor (Jan) Cross of Buhler, Kan.

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on March 27, 2002. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of the Mt. View Baptist Church.

Rest in peace, "ol' Mom." We will miss you.

Karl A. Hanson

Karl A. Hanson was born April 21, 1928 and passed away on March 18, 2002.

Karl was born in Osco, Ill. to his parents, Alice and Gustaf Hanson. He was one of five children— sister Nora Mae and three brothers, Albert, Ralph and Robert. He attended schools in Osco, Woodhull and Moline, Ill. He served in the U.S. Maritime Service in 1945 and the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. He married Ann Churchill from East Moline in 1947. Ann predeceased him in December 1997. They were blessed with four children— daughters Julie and Kathy and sons Kirk and Kelly, as well as several grandchildren. After his honorable discharge from the Army he and his family resided in Rock Island, Ill. prior to moving to California in 1952. His working career required him to travel extensively in the United States as well as, for two years, during 1958 and 1959, in Europe— primarily Italy, Austria and Switzerland. He and Ann moved to Bodfish in 1987 for their retirement years. One of his regrets was that his work required so much travel that he couldn't spend as much time with his family, during his children's "growing up" years, and friends as he would have preferred. However, he did feel privileged to have made so many good acquaintances and a few very dear friends during his travels. He preferred that everyone thinks of him as "just traveling" again, this time on his trip to eternity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002

Daniel John Kornoff

Daniel John Kornoff, 53, passed away on March 29, 2002 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. Services were held April 4, 2002 in Los Angeles.

Daniel was born in Oceanside, Calif. on March 14, 1949. He had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past three years and was employed by Thomas Refuse of Lake Isabella where he was operations manager.

Daniel belonged to car clubs such as the Kern Valley Cruisers.

Daniel is survived by his parents John and Vera Kornoff of Vista, Calif.; his companion, Mary Leavitt of Lake Isabella; and loving friends John, Jerry and James Grose and James and Jay Leavitt and son and daughter Nathan and Natalie, all of Washington state. He is also survived by brothers Jay of Wyoming, Jim of Los Angeles, Harry of Australia and Billy of Arizona.

Daniel loved his job and employers at Thomas Refuse. He loved living in Lake Isabella. Daniel fought a very courageous battle with cancer for the last seven months. He was a very loving, caring and giving man. He will be sadly missed. he is at home with Jesus. Rest in peace, my love, until we meet again.

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher, born Feb. 25, 1914, passed away at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on March 22, 2002. He is survived by his brother, John Welcher of Colton; his sister Imo Ryan of San Juan Capistrano; his son, John E. Welcher and daughter-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; daughter Joann Taylor of Bodfish; 10 grandkids; many great-grandkids; several great-great-grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Panama, Ark., raised in Oklahoma, and then moved to California when he was about 17. He was involved in racing at Muroc and Mirage dry lakes with his brother John, Vic Edelbrock, the Miller Brothers, Roy Richter and many other friends. He was an avid motorcycle rider starting out in 1932 on an Indian Scout and Harleys. He worked at Douglas Aircraft in Tool and Design during the Second World War. After the war he worked as a mechanic for several years, then started his oil field contracting business called Welcher Hydraulics in the Los Angeles area. He retired and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1967. He was also, in his later years, a member of the Over-the-Hill Motorcycle Club here in the Valley and stopped riding when he was 81. He was also Amateur Radio Operator WA6TGP. We know that he is going to be missed by family and friends. He believed in the Word of God that says, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ." All the family would like to thank Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Acute Care and the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility for their kind care. There will be no services per Dad's request.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Jerry Wayne Phipps

Memorial services were held April 9, 2002 in the Chapel of Memories in Norwalk, Calif. for Jerry Wayne Phipps of Wofford Heights, who passed away March 30, 2002. He was 59.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara; daughters Shara-Lea Phipps of Cleburne, Texas, and Kathleen Patterson and husband John of Victorville, Calif.; mother-in-law Eleanor Gritton of Mountain Mesa who called him "my boy;" and his faithful dog, Jake.

In Jerry's passing he leaves behind many family and friends who will always remember him as the man whose favorite words were "I can fix that"— and he usually did.

Jerry will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Robin Ann Condon

Robin Ann Condon was born on Dec. 15, 1953 and passed away on April 2, 2002.

Robin was a resident of Wofford Heights for three years. She and her husband, Thomas Condon Jr., were married for 30 years this past February. She was the proud mother of five children and grandmother of seven. Her father, Robert Bird, preceded her in death in 1970 and her youngest daughter, Lauren Michelle Condon, in 1991.

She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Condon Jr.; son Thomas Condon III; daughters Carie Condon, Julie Condon and Kimberlie Gagnon. Grandchildren include Jacob, Sara, Joshua, Hailei, Tayler, Ashley and Garrett. Robin is also survived by her mother, Mary Bird; sisters Connie Sevaatasi, Nina Briggs and Sherri Bird; and brothers Lynn Bird and Robert Bird.

She was loved by us all. We will miss her and share her memories for years to come.

A memorial service was held April 6, 2002, alongside the Kern River.

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As I remember and say goodbye to you Danny, I would also like to thank you for giving me the two most precious things in my life, my grandchildren. Your daughter Rachelle and son Joshua are your life's greatest achievement.

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Danny with daughter Rachelle & Matty

Dorothy M. Betterton

Dorothy M. Betterton, 89, died recently at a Las Vegas care center.

She was born Nov. 19, 1912, in Meeker, Colo. A retired beauty operator and former owner of Las Vegas Beauty School, she was a 55-year resident of Las Vegas.

Mrs. Betterton resided in Lake Isabella for about 10 years in the 1980s. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Kernville, belonged to the Eagles Lodge and also to several CB clubs, where she was known as "Reindeer."

She is survived by her son, Gary Pellissier, and stepdaughter Susan Phillips, both of Las Vegas; stepson Robert McElvany of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Palm Mortuary-Downtown in Las Vegas, followed by burial at Palm Memorial Park.

William Davenport Kampmann

William Davenport Kampmann was born on Dec. 12, 1931 in Mesa, Ariz. to John and Marie Kampmann. He passed away on March 21, 2002 at his home in Wofford Heights.

Bill, as he was known, had a regular daily routine. Had his first cup of coffee at the Hideaway at 6 a.m., then to the Sportsman's around 7 a.m. Bought a newspaper and then headed home until around 2 p.m. when he went to eat a bite and have a drink or two. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 2358 and the Moose Lodge No. 498.

He was a great party person and enjoyed being with his friends. He was very sports-minded, played softball, loved shuffleboard. He played golf for years until walking became a problem. He attended car shows and took pictures, loved car races and enjoyed motorcycles.

Bill is survived by two brothers, Richard Kampmann of Santa Monica and John Kampmann of Lake Arrowhead.

His friends will greatly miss his presence here in the valley.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Albert Lester "Al" Moore

Al Moore was born in Lancaster, Texas, to Kirby and Eula Moore, on Sept. 29, 1913. He entered into eternal rest in Bakersfield on April 5, 2002, at the age of 88.

Al met and married Frances Gertrude Latham in 1939. This June they would have been married 63 years. Shortly after their wedding, they moved to Visalia, Calif. where Al worked in a bowling alley as a pin setter. They remained in Visalia for two years, after which they moved to Torrance where Al was near his work as a welder in San Pedro. He retired after 29 years.

His young life was revived when worked on several farms as a farm hand. In Caliente, he raised hogs, chickens and also had a herd of cattle. Al also had horses and rode in many parades. He and Frances moved to Lake Isabella when the ranch became too much for him to handle.

Al was a gentle man. He was loved by his family and all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Surviving Al is his wife, Frances; son Ronald and wife Sharon Moore of Bakersfield; daughter Jeanie Meggitt of Newhall; grandsons Shawn Meggitt of Redondo Beach and Wayne Moore of Bakersfield; and a special sister-in-law, Joy Moore of Walker Basin.

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Seasons Of My Life

What happened to the spring time?
It was here just yesterday.
Did I really spend those precious hours
Just whiling the time away?
I remember summer.
It came and then it went.
Now I can't relive those days
Not always wisely spent.
Now that it's fall
How wise I've suddenly become,
No time to waste or hesitate
For soon I'm going home.
Will winter find me wanting
For just one more day,
To do the things I meant to do,
Say the things I meant to say?
Thank you Lord for all those days
I have beyond this date.
I'll try to use them wisely
Before it really is too late.

—Lori Hebestreit

Celebration of Life get together for

Daniel Kornoff

April 21,2002 2pm to 4:30pm

Lake Ridge Estates
Community Building

2807 Erskine Creek Road
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(2nd Driveway In)

For information call Joan at 376-4718 or 379-2618 x101

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Carl Rothbauer

Carl Rothbauer, age 86, of Onyx, passed to his eternal rest on April 15, 2002.

Mr. Rothbauer was born Nov. 25, 1915 in Phillipsburg, Mont. to Theodore Rothbauer and Anna F. Rothbauer (nee Raisig).

On Feb. 14, 1973, Carl and Marjorie Giel Homburg were married in Pacoima, Calif. In 1976, Carl and Marjorie moved to Onyx from the San Fernando Valley where Carl had worked for Anheuser-Busch as a brewer for 30 years.

History, politics in general, dancing and traveling were things he thoroughly enjoyed doing.

He was a lifetime active member of the Moose Lodge and was very interested in the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a nephew, Theodore Rothbauer and family; and special friend and caregiver, Jeanne Maglott.

Funeral arrangements were made with the Lake Isabella Funeral Home and services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Dr. Bert Simpson officiating.

Montella Sue Lane

Montella Sue Lane was born Jan. 8, 1912 to Tometrews and Maudie Townes, on Payson, Olka. and passed away on April 14, 2002 in Lake Isabella.

She was very friendly and loved everyone. She was always ready to help anyone in need. She was a very independent person. At the age of 14, she rode her horse from Winthrop, Ark. to Payson, Okla. alone. During the Depression, she made soap out of lye and lard and sold it to help support her family. She was a great seamstress and loved it. She could make dresses from memory.

She moved to this area 55 years ago. During this period she worked for the Naval Weapons Center as a classified documents clerk for 15 years, then retired to the Lake Isabella area in 1975.

Mrs. Lane was preceded in death by her husband, Leo S. Lane. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Sue Danielson of Lake Isabella; a son, James F. Crawford of Lake Isabella; sister Mae Alexander of Atlanta; sister Jackie Green of Winthrop, Ark.; brother Dorsey Miller of Texarkana, Ark.; brother Myrion K. Miller of Winthrop, Ark.; and brother Wayne Miller of Folsom, Calif.

Graveside services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery on April 17, 2002. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Adele "Pineapple" Heitman

"Piney" was delivered into this world on April 14, 1923, and was reunited into the loving arms of her husband, Charles "Chuck" Heitman, on April 15, 2002.

Adele left behind three sons and two daughters—Richard Maldonado and his wife Lisa of Honolulu, Hawaii, Dale Heitman of southern Oregon and his wife Roberta of Drain, Ore., Eddie Heitman and his wife Donna of Lake Isabella, JoAnn Anderson and her husband Louis of Virginia Beach, Va., and Barbara Wilde of Lake Isabella and her husband Steve of Ridgecrest.

Adele also leaves behind 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and an array of family and friends around the world.

Piney was a lady who was so full of love and compassion that anyone who crossed her path was deeply touched and would remember her from that day on. Her love has filled our hearts, and her smile has brightened our lives.

May the dance floor always be lit up and the tiny bubbles floating around. We love you and will cherish you forever.

There will be a memorial at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella on April 27 at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Celia Barclay

Graveside services were held April 4, 2002 at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Palmdale, Calif. for Celia Barclay. Rev. Joe Silva from Quartz Hill Assembly of God was the Officiant. After a long struggle with a serious illness, God called Celia home on March 31, 2002.

Celia was born on Aug. 31, 1915 in Beattyville, Ky. She was married to Albert Barclay, who predeceased her in death. Her surviving children are Julia Spencer of Mountain Mesa, Beulah Selzer and her husband Jim of North Hollywood, Calif., and Robert Barclay, also of North Hollywood. Other survivors include 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Celia also had two grandsons who predeceased her.

Celia had lived several years in Weldon before moving to Lancaster. When she became ill, she moved to North Hollywood.

Throughout Celia's entire life, her undying faith in God prevailed. Even during her illness, she told her family and friends that Heaven was going to be wonderful and she wanted to see all of them there someday. Her faith in God kept her strong. Even in pain, she always had a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye.

God Has Promised
By Elsie Natalie Brady
God has kept His promise
To send the rain and sun,
The splendor of the seasons,
The night when day is done.
Everything we treasure
Here on Earth below,
Is given without measure
With love, to thrive and grow.
God has also promised
That one day we shall see
His Kingdom and the glory,
For all eternity.

Russell Dean "Dean" Hunter

Dean Hunter was born in Clinton, Okla. to Cortez and Frankie Hunter on July 24, 1926 and passed away in Bakersfield on May 4, 2002. He was 75 years old.

Dean came to California during the Dust Bowl days and settled in Lamont. He entered the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served during World War II. After his service time he became an iron worker as a welder and belonged to the local union No. 433. He retired in 1988 and moved to the Lake Isabella area.

Surviving him are his wife, Audrey of Southlake; sons John of Oklahoma City, Olka. and Michael of La Mirada, Calif.; daughters Cathy of Big Bear, Calif., Gwen of Downey, Calif., Beverly of Palo Cedro, Calif. and Peggy of Fullerton, Calif.; brothers Cortez Jr. of Southlake and Loren of La Mirada; a sister, Margaret of Collinsville, Okla.; several nieces and nephews; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Dean was loved and will be missed by all.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 11, 2002 with John Kuttig officiating. Interment took place at Kern Valley Cemetery on May 13, 2002.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

William F. "Sarge" Inskeep

William F. Inskeep— "Sarge" as everyone in this area knew him— was born on Feb. 10, 1920 in Columbus, Ohio to Earl and Laura Inskeep, one of eight children. He entered into eternal life on May 8, 2002 in the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles.

Sarge joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and volunteered for submarine duty. Some of the subs he proudly served on for eight years were R-11, USS Rasher, USS Bowfin, and USS Puffer. All of his service was during WWII. After his eight years of service, he left the Navy and joined the U.S. Army and served two tours, in Korea and later Vietnam. Altogether, he served nearly 32 years service time for his country.

Even when he was in the Army he served on ships and called it the Army's Navy. He was wounded in Vietnam. Sarge was extremely proud of his service time.

After he retired from the service, he settled in California, living in Glendale for several years. He came to the Kern Valley in 1974, where he remained until his death.

Sarge belonged to the Masonic Lodge No. 178, Western Mine Council No. 612-06-49, and VFW Disabled American war veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Inskeep of Kernville; daughters Jeanann Curry of Columbus, Ohio, Nevada, Joyce (Bobby) Stites of Oregon and Lorraine (Mike) Findley of Wofford Heights; sons Frank (Irene) Webb of Valencia, Dana Hartman of Las Vegas and William Inskeep of Montana; brother Daniel (Mary) Inskeep of Marion, Ohio; sisters Martha (Monroe) Farber of Del Ray Beach, Fla. and Virginia (Bob) Dutcher of Ocala, Fla.; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He will certainly be missed by family and friends.

Services will be held at Mountain View Baptist Church in Lake Isabella at 11 a.m. on May 15, 2002, Pastor C. Preston North officiating. Burial to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Etta Alene Barbarick

Etta Alene Barbarick was born in Vernon, Texas to Albert and Tina Mason on Dec. 22, 1908. She entered into rest on May 4, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 93.

Etta left Texas in 1936, moving to Lynwood, Calif. and then to Los Angeles in 1947. In 1950, she moved to Porterville, Calif. and later moved back to the Lynwood and Colton area. In 1969, she came to the Lake Isabella area where she remained to her death.

Etta loved to sew and crochet and was excellent at both. Cooking was like a hobby to her, especially baking bread. When she was eight years of age, she won first place at the county fair in Texas. She learned a lot of secrets about cooking from her mother-in-law, who came from Germany. She made candles and soap for family use. She loved all crafts and excelled in anything she did, even though she was blind in one eye for years.

Etta is survived by a son, Bill Barbarick of Corona, Calif.; three daughters, Ann Firth of Lake Isabella, Betty Millwee of Springville, Calif. and Darlene Hemenway of Bodfish; a sister, Claudia Hutchinson of Pateras, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

A great void is left by her passing and all will greatly miss her.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Mesa Church of Christ on May 11, 2002 at 11 a.m., with Elder Lynn Klase officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Cypress, Calif. on May 13, 2002 at 11 a.m.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Marjorie I. Welch Olsson

Mrs. Marjorie I. Welch Olsson of Rockaway, Ore. passed away on April 29, 2002 in Tillamook, Ore. at the age of 69. Born in St. Augustine, Fla. on Dec. 30, 1932, to Clifton Ashe and Vera Lanier, Marjorie grew up and went to high school in St. Augustine, moving to Boston at age 17. In 1956 she moved to California, living in Downey, Whittier and for many years in Lake Isabella before coming to the Tillamook area in 1990.

In Lake Isabella she owned and operated the Canebrake Restaurant, and she worked for Bank of America in Los Angeles for eight years. Mrs. Olsson was a past member of the Elks, Moose and VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 77 in Lake Isabella. She loved the peace and quiet of the outdoors, and was happiest with a fishing pole in her hand. Marjorie loved working with her rose plants, and enjoyed going to yard sales, crafting, cooking, and going to casinos. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Welch, in 1992, and by a brother, Gerald Ashe, in 1962.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Olsson of Rockaway, Ore.; two sons, Donald Welch of Indiana and Thomas Welch of Seattle; daughter Lisa Welch of Phoenix; brother Wayne Bush and sister Shirley Robertson of St. Augustine, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 3, 2002 at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook. A memorial service will take place at Kern Valley Cemetery on May 20, 2002 at 1 p.m., service by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wilma Charlotte Walker

Wilma Charlotte Walker was born on Oct. 19, 1919 in Jackson County, Ala. to Paul and Alma Thacker. She passed away on April 29, 2002.

Early in her life, Wilma and her family moved to Texas where she grew up and began raising her family. In the early 1950s, Wilma and her family moved to California. She came to the Kern River Valley in 1993.

Wilma was a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. She was active in Women's Sunday School.

Wilma is survived by her brother Paul and his wife Annie Thacker of Harbor City, Calif.; brother Zell Bouldin of Tehachapi; brother Bob Thacker of Texas; daughter-in-law Bobby Walker of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Steve and Leslie Walker of Fullerton, Calif.; grandchildren Christy and Bob Pocorena of Chino Hills, Calif.; four great-grandsons; and her special church family.

A memorial service was held on May 1, 2002 at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Graveside services were held on May 6, 2002 at Artesia Cemetery in Cerritos, Calif. Pastor Preston North presided over both services. Wilma will be truly missed by her family that she cared so much for and by all those special friends who knew and loved her.

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Peter Nyhuis

Peter Nyhuis was born in Holland, Mich. on Oct. 6, 1918 and to Marnis and Marie Nyhuis. He entered into eternal rest on April 30, 2002 at the age of 83 in Bakersfield.

He left Michigan in 1928 and moved to Wheaton, Ill. In 1942, he moved to Seattle, Wash. and from there to Westchester, Calif. in 1944. He came to the Kern River Valley in 1977.

Peter was Mason Past Master, Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons No. 162, a member of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville, Past Illustrious Master of Bakersfield Council No. 28, Past Eminent Commander of Bakersfield Commandry No. 39, K.Y.C.H. Fresno Priory No. 71, Shriner Al Mataikoh Grand Convention Order of High Priesthood State of California, Southern California Past Masters Association, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Grand Council Thrice Illustrious Masters, Golden Quest York Rite College No. 119, Super Excellent Master of Southern California.

Peter was well loved and well respected by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his two sons, Peter Andrew Nyhuis and wife of Oro Valley, Ariz., and Dean Allen Nyhuis of Lakewood, Calif.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his special friend Becky Noel of Lake Isabella.

A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville on May 8, 2002 at 2 p.m. He will be buried at sea off the coast of Southern California.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Peter's name to your favorite charity.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Raymond Theodore "Ray" Henson

Ray Henson was born in Blytheville, Ark. on Sept. 20, 1926 to James and Mary Henson and entered into rest on May 1, 2002 at the age of 75 in Lake Isabella.

He came to California after his discharge from the United States Navy in 1947. He met and married Margaret Holder in 1949 in Riverside, Calif. and resided there until 1975 at which time they moved to Wofford Heights and continued with his contracting business of painting houses.

Ray is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret; and three daughters, Mary Henson of Carlsbad, Calif., Donna Corser of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Christine Henson of Cambria, Calif.

Burial will be at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Richard Dillon Smith

Richard Smith was born on July 23, 1920 in Middletown, Ohio and passed away on April 16, 2002 in Weldon.

Dick graduated from Middletown High School in 1938 and then attended the University of Cincinnati, graduating with a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in Washington, D.C. and at the Naval Ordinance Test Statement (NOTS) in China Lake, Calif., where he was in charge of the design, construction and facilitating the Heat Treatment Facility in the Michelson Laboratory. On Aug. 16, 1944, he was married to Marguerite Peacock. Their first two children, Richard Jr. and Marguerite, were born while they were living in China Lake. A third child, Donald, was born in 1953 in Pasadena. Following his retirement, he became involved with the University of La Verne Extension Division. Seven years ago he decided to purchase his Weldon property and became involved with the Nature Conservancy and served on the Kern River Valley Revitalization Committee. Dick was active in his neighborhood and was a committed volunteer for the South Fork Union School District and the South Fork Healthy Start Program.

Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marguerite; children Richard Jr., Marguerite and Donald, all of California; and four grandchildren.

There was a memorial service on May 4, 2002 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church in Weldon, officated by Robert Lewis.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the South Fork Union School District in memory of Richard D. Smith.

Paul Ritter

Paul Ritter was born June 9, 1939, and went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Millie Ritter, and a stepson, Ron Martinlovich of Glendale; a son, David, of Ventura; a daughter, April Moreno of Hemet, Calif.; a brother, John Ritter of Las Vegas; a brother, Bruce Ritter of Bodfish; his mother, Lillie Ritter of Lake Isabella; three grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Memorial services were held on May 4 at the Kern Valley Bible Church in Lake Isabella.

In Loving Memory of Donna Landry

She was a wonderful woman, loving mother and wife. Donna will be in our hearts forever.

Please Join Us
to
Celebrate the Life
of

Bill Rose, Jr.

Saturday, May 11th, 2002
11:00 a.m.
Come for a Memorial Barbecue
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1680 No. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 798-0884

If you have any pictures of Bill, please bring them.
Go to Yahoo.com for a map

Celia Barclay

Graveside services were held April 4, 2002 at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Palmdale, Calif. for Celia Barclay. Rev. Joe Silva from Quartz Hill Assembly of God was the Officiant. After a long struggle with a serious illness, God called Celia home on March 31, 2002.

Celia was born on Aug. 31, 1915 in Beattyville, Ky. She was married to Albert Barclay, who predeceased her on Sept. 3, 1988.

Celia had five children. Two of her daughters, Pauline Leftwich and Ann Clarkson, preceded her death. Her surviving children are Julia Spencer of Mountain Mesa, Beulah Selzer and her husband Jim of North Hollywood, Calif., and Robert Barclay, also of North Hollywood. Other survivors include 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Celia also had two grandsons who predeceased her.

Celia had lived several years in Weldon before moving to Lancaster. When she became ill, she moved to North Hollywood.

Throughout Celia's entire life, her undying faith in God prevailed. Even during her illness, she told her family and friends that Heaven was going to be wonderful and she wanted to see all of them there someday. Her faith in God kept her strong. Even in pain, she always had a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye.

God Has Promised
by Elsie Natalie Brady

God has kept His promise
To send the rain and sun,
The splendor of the seasons,
The night when day is done.
Everything we treasure
Here on Earth below,
Is given without measure
With love, to thrive and grow.
God has also promised
That one day we shall see
His Kingdom and the glory,
For all eternity.

Gay Jett

Gay Jett was delivered Dec. 28, 1923 in Long Beach, Calif. She was reunited into the loving arms of her husband, Walt, and son Gail on April 22, 2002. Graveside services were held April 30, 2002 at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.

Before moving to the valley Gay and family resided in Redondo Beach where she owned and operated a catering service. After retiring and moving to the lake, Gay became very active in the community. She belonged to the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, and the U.M.W. She was president twice of the California Grandmothers Club No. 94, Sr. Regent of the Women of the Moose No. 1297, a local friendship club, also the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, working both at the hospital and thrift shop.

Gay was known for her good cooking, cheery smile and encouraging word for everyone she met.

Gay was loved and will be missed by a large extended family of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

There will be a memorial service on May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Chapel U.M.C. with Pastor Ardys Sandell officiating.

Denise Reid

Private arrangements have been made for Denise Reid of Mountain Mesa who passed away after a long illness on April 25, 2002. Denise was born Nov. 1, 1961 in Gadsden, Ala. and moved to California in 1971. She moved to the Kern River Valley four years ago.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed fishing. Her family was the most important thing to her. She loved spending time with them. She was a very special lady.

Denise is survived by her longtime companion of 11 years, Andy Williams; son Chris and his wife Stosha Mercer; daughter Nancy and husband John Barber; son Ronald Hall; mother Frances Watson; sister Kathy Mayo and her husband Randy; brother Ray and his wife Colita Cole; and three grandchildren, Alisha, Johnathon and James. We will all miss you.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary.

Betty Jane Schaefer

Betty Jane Schaefer passed away April 17, 2002 at age 79. She was the loving mother of Sandra Feldman, Janice Bennett and Shirley Floody.

Betty is also survived by five grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Private services took place and were arranged by Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cypress, Calif.

Donald L. Stubblefield

Donald L. Stubblefield was born on May 14, 1946 and passed away April 24, 2002.

Don was born in Bakersfield and moved to Johnsondale in 1949 at the age of three. He spent the rest of his life in "God's Country."

Don loved fishing, hunting and visiting with his friends in the valley.

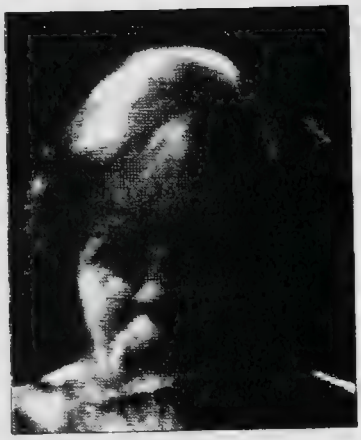
Don is survived by his longtime friend and companion, Diane Wallace of Kernville; son Curtis Stubblefield; and grandson Thomas Stubblefield of Bakersfield. He also left behind his sister and brother-in-law Velma and Jack Montgomery; sister and brother-in-law Katherine and Floyd Paisley of Morro Bay; sister-in-law Jo Cooper of Wofford Heights; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his daughter Donna and his brother Kenny.

His many, many friends will long remember him for his warmth and the jokes he had ready for all.

We will miss him greatly.

A memorial will be held at Riverside Park, May 11 at noon. All are welcome.

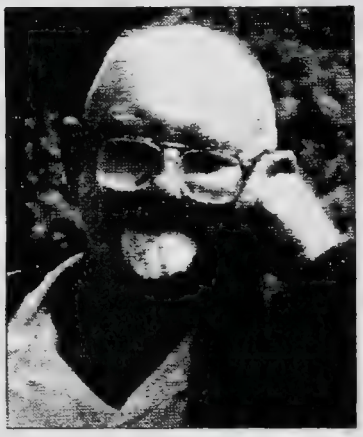


Richard Eugene "Dick" Smith

Dick Smith was born Dec. 17, 1935 in Lansing, Mich. and passed away on May 10, 2002 in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his wife, Billie Smith; daughters Jewell Hoffman of Oceanside, Calif. and Sharri Cazares of Kernville; brother Elmer Smith of Colorado; brothers Tom and Russell and sister Rosemary of Michigan; and seven grandchildren—Summer, Rick, Jill, Tanner, Michelle, Amy and Priscella, all of California.

Dick Smith served in the U.S. Navy for 14 years and retired from McDonnell Douglas. He loved golf and going to Vegas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.



John H. Randall

John Randall came into this world Jan. 8, 1927 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son to Margaret and Parker Randall. During World War II he was stationed in the China-Burma Theater (in what is now Pakistan.) It was there he met Lillian Gardner. There were married after they got out of the service, and settled in Inglewood, Calif. They had two sons, Christopher and John. In 1984, they moved to Wofford Heights.

John was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Golden Eagles. He was one of the founding members of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. He was a member of the Elks and Moose Lodges. An avid photographer, John probably took pictures of just about everything and everybody in the Kern River Valley. John and Lillian (Lill on the Hill), his wife of 54 years, threw big parties for their friends at their house up Evans Road in Wofford Heights. He was president of H.F. Int'l (a sideband radio club with thousands of members worldwide).

John passed away on April 30, 2002 of pneumonia at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. John (Jack) will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his brother, George; his sons, Christopher and John (Jay); his daughter-in-law, Maria Elena; his two granddaughters, Cynthia and Nicole; and his nieces Sandra Shatley and Sandra Miller.

A memorial service will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights on June 9, 2002 at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow.

Lois Dunning Plumb

Lois Dunning Plumb, 91, passed away May 10, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Lois was born in Morristown, S. D., on Oct. 1, 1910. She lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past four years.

Lois enjoyed her family and knitting afghans for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading.

Lois is survived by her children, Curtis Plumb of Santa Monica and Nancy Jose and her husband Bob of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brother Claude Dunning of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and sisters Dorothy Rossback of Kernville and Patricia Heady of Huntington Beach, Calif.

A memorial service was held on May 15, 2002 at Weldon Southern Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Bill Lewis.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nancy Jane Boulware

Memorial services were held May 18, 2002 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lake Isabella for Nancy Jane Boulware, 91, who passed away May 7, 2002.

Mrs. Boulware was born on March 23, 1911 in Hannibal, Mo. and resided in Kern County for 20 years. Mrs. Boulware had worked as a clerk for a dry cleaning business. She is survived by her family, congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mrs. Boulware had a firm belief— "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4)— and she was faithful to that belief.

"Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment" (John 5: 28-29).

Services handled by Greenlawn Mortuary, Funeral Directors, Bakersfield, Calif.

Leland "Lee" Goss

Leland "Lee" Goss was born on a grape ranch, northeast of Fresno. His parents were Calvin Richie and Mabel O. Goss. Lee was the youngest and fourth child. He had three sisters, Vera, Ardith and Frances.

Lee graduated from Bell High School in L.A. and attended Compton Jr. College. His trade was Millwrights of United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and he achieved the status of business manager and representative before retirement.

He was a member of the Al Malaikah Temple, Elks Lodge No. 2358, Moose Lodge, Kern Valley Golf Course, and the Kern Valley Gun Association.

His first wife, Margaret, passed away in 1982. They had three children— Gary L., Timothy J. and Mary Shannon. Lee has five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Lee married Arminta (Minty) Osborne in 1990 and lived happily ever after. Thank you, Minty!

Jerry Colman McMahan

Funeral services were held May 14, 2002 at the Christian Assembly Church in Mountain Mesa for Jerry McMahan, who went home to be with the Lord on May 8, 2002 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Dan Hellyer. Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Jerry moved to the Kern River Valley four years ago after retiring from the air conditioning and heating business. He and his wife attended the Full Gospel Fellowship under Pastor Gary Nichols; then in October 2000 upon the retirement of Pastor Nichols they attended the Christian Assembly under Pastor Dan Hellyer. Jerry became their sound man and all-around handyman.

Jerry was a member of the Kern Valley Corvette Club and loved attending antique car shows. His favorite hangout was the Pizza Factory every Friday night. He was known for the practical jokes he played on the Friday night group.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Navona McMahan of Lake Isabella; daughter and husband Kim and Dan Davis; daughter Janet Bradney; daughter Kathy and husband Charlie Keith; daughter Christine and husband Christopher Callahan; son Marshel Crank; daughter Debbie and husband Kenneth Stanley; two sisters, Tildon Smith and Mary Hines; and seven grandchildren. Jerry will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Arthur "Art" Edward Peterson, Jr.

Art Peterson was born in Sisston, S.D. to Arthur and Virginia Peterson on Aug. 8, 1915 and entered into eternal rest on May 15, 2002 at his home in Lake Isabella.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during two wars. He worked as an electrician in the steel mill industry for over 25 years.

Art loved animals and working in his garden. He enjoyed family outings and loved to barbecue. He really appreciated the Fourth of July fireworks displays. He had such an interest in history, he could not pass a monument by without stopping to read it. He loved to read.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary. He is survived by his daughters, Patty Rowland of Palmdale, Calif. and Pam Peterson of Lake Isabella; sons Arthur Peterson of Little Rock, Calif., Allan Peterson of Minneapolis and John Peterson of Lake Isabella; sister Margaret Crandall of Trinidad, West Indies; grandchildren Kellie, Derek, Tanya, Kentress, Melody, Tom and Wynter; and great-grandchildren Brady and Hannah.

Private services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Junior Clell High

Junior High was born to his parents John and Gertie on March 20, 1927, in Lindsay, Okla. and passed away on May 14, 2002, in Mountain Mesa.

When he was 10, Junior and his family moved to Shafter, Calif., where as a young man, he began working in the farming industry. In 1973, while working in Bakersfield, Junior met the love of his life, Melissa Jane Brown. The two married and began building a life together, moving to Lake Isabella in about 1987. Junior and Melissa spent time here outdoors fishing and pursuing their second love, country music.

Memorial services were held on May 18 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Pastor Preston North of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church officiated.

Junior Clell High is survived by his loving wife, Melissa, of Lake Isabella; his brothers, Robert High of Lake Isabella, Jack High of Stockton, Calif., and Charles and Bobby High of Poplarville, Miss.; sisters Pearl Thompson, Sybil Olson, Edna Shreffler and Linda Zilch, all of Fresno, Calif.; special friends Kenneth and Pattie Riggs of Anderson, Calif., Bob and Sue Coogle of Lake Isabella and Marilyn Strong and Jack Montgomery, also of Lake Isabella. Junior was preceded in passing by his brother, Newton High of Grover City, Calif.

Junior will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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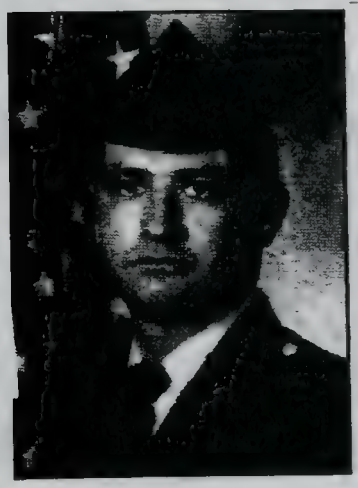


Michael Evan Miranda

Michael Evan Miranda was born in Redlands, Calif. to Phillip and Beverly Miranda on Oct. 4, 1962. Michael passed away in Bodfish on May 9, 2002.

Michael was raised in the Kern Valley and spent his life here. Michael graduated from Kern Valley High School. He was very active in sports and was quite a baseball pitcher.

Michael was very proud of his sons, Klayton and Nathanial, and his brother Matt. Mike was also very proud of his Indian heritage, his stay in the Army, his fishing skills, his artistic endeavors and his big rig trucking business, Miranda Trucking.

Mike was taught to fish by his Grandpa Barr when he was very young and you could find him most days down at the lake fishing and enjoying the scenery.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Phillip W. Miranda, Sr. and his brother, Phillip W. Miranda, Jr.

He is survived by his mother, Beverly Miranda and brother Matthew Medland; sons Nathanial and Klayton Miranda; Uncle Randy and Aunt Rochelle Barr; longtime love and companion, Julie Greenwood; faithful friend since kindergarten Sean Dowd; aunts and uncles Virgil and Bertha Eller, Robert and Gerrie Creech, Jim and Alberta Garrett, Don and Wilma Sprouse, Ruthie Bencoma, Clifford Miranda, Edna Stone, Rocky and Judy Stone, Dale and Betsy Johnson, Anthony Stone and Josephine Stone; great-uncle Jim Andreas and many cousins.

Michael touched many hearts with his beautiful blue eyes and big smile and willingness to help others. He will be everlastingly and deeply missed by family and friends.

Funeral services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella and VFW Post 7665 on May 16,2002 at the old cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pallbearers were Dan Wagner, Matt Medland, Mark Iverson, Sean Dowd, Talbert Malone, Bert Eller and Beverly Miranda.

To Lois

Not for you a darkened trench, where
you must lie among the stench of rotting
bones... your own.

You chose to have your ashes blow
O'er fields and forest far below,
Wafting in the sunset's glow. Serene. Alone.

With Love,
Your sister Dorothy Rossback

Grace Gibbs Chadduck

Grace Gibbs Chadduck was born Jan. 28, 1910 in Union, Hardin County, Iowa, and passed away May 29, 2002 at the age of 92. She was the last of her family of three sisters and two brothers. Her parents were Elza Gibbs, born in New Providence, Hardin County, Iowa and Maggie Novella Whitehead Gibbs, born in Yadkin County, N.C.

Grace and her brothers and sisters were raised on the farm in Iowa, moving to Marshalltown, Iowa after their father's death. The family then moved to California except for one brother, who remained in Iowa.

She met husband Walter Carroll Chadduck when he brought her older sister home from a date. They were married on July 25, 1931. They had three children— son Ronald and two daughters, Jean and Doris.

Grace raised her family with husband Walter in Glendale, Calif. She also raised two of her grandchildren. She was a mother most of her life. Upon passing of her husband Walter Feb. 5, 1998, she lived in Glendale until October 1999, when she moved to Bodfish to live with her son and daughter-in-law.

Grace leaves behind son Ronald Carroll Chadduck and his wife Jody of Bodfish; daughter Jean Chadduck Alan of Tahoe, Nevada; daughter Doris Lindsey of Glendale. She also leaves six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren—Mike, wife Karen and children Colin and Laura Chadduck of Kirkland, Wash.; Russ, wife Sue and children Brian and Loni Carol Chadduck of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; John Alan of Glendale, Calif., his daughter Lauren Alan of Bakersfield, Calif., David Alan of Glendale, Calif., Leah Lindsey Hays and husband Rob of Reseda, Calif. and Brendon Lindsey of Glendale, Calif.

Grace will rest with her two sisters and husband at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Glendale, Calif.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Lena Mae Pysarchyk

Lena Mae Pysarchyk was born April 14, 1913 in Fowler, Kansas and passed away at Kern Village Assisted Living in Kernville on May 26, 2002.

Lena Mae was preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul; her son, Jimmy Lee, three brothers and four sisters. She is survived by her brother, Bill Cavner, of Manti, Utah; nephew Bill Cavner of Merced, Calif.; and niece Jean Carson Lewis of Conroe, Texas.

Lena moved to California during the Depression. Her love of dancing and music followed her throughout her life. She was a dance instructor and never missed a chance to kick up her heels at the Wednesday night Senior Center dance. She also enjoyed traveling. She was a past member of the Women of the Moose, the Bodfish Beamers, the Grandmothers Club and the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

A celebration of her life was held on June 2, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Lake Isabella Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to Hoffman Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

Viola Zuma Bench

Viola Zuma Bench was born in Tishomingo, Okla. on Oct. 15, 1913 and entered into eternal life on May 23, 2002 in Bakersfield, Calif. She was a resident of Bodfish, Calif. for 15 years, and was a devoted mother and loved taking care of her home.

She is survived by her daughters— Nadine Matthews of Las Vegas, Nev.; Louise Rochman of Chatsworth, Calif.; Beverly Vavra of Bodfish; and Betty Still of Southlake— and a brother, Odie Chaney of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Graveside services were held at Eternal Valley Cemetery in Newhall, Calif. on May 31, 2002 with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Mavis Merrick

Graveside services were held June 6, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Mavis Merrick, who passed away on June 2, 2002. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Maris Vera Heath was born to Kenneth and Julia Heath on July 19, 1917 in Osseo, Wisc. She moved to California at age 16 to be close to her dear sister Doris and then they moved to Inglewood where she met and married her husband Fred. Mavis stayed home while Fred worked and she raised seven children. She loved camping, fishing and gardening. She also went back to school in 1968 at El Camino College. She loved to write and wrote for the Reader's Digest at times. Mavis was a very gentle and loving person and her family was the most important thing to her. She was always giving of herself. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Fred, and her daughter Julia.

Mavis is survived by her daughter Betty and husband Mark Beasley; daughter Patti and husband Danny Rabitoy; daughter Diana Keck; daughter Susan Blair; son Fred and wife Debbie Merrick; son Larry and wife Janyse Merrick; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother Harold Heath; and two sisters, Mattie Thomason and Shirley Heath. She will be missed very much.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ralph Douglas Hogan

Ralph Douglas Hogan, 82, passed away June 4, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Hogan lived in the Mountain Mesa area for the past 23 years after moving here from the Chino area in the late 1970s.

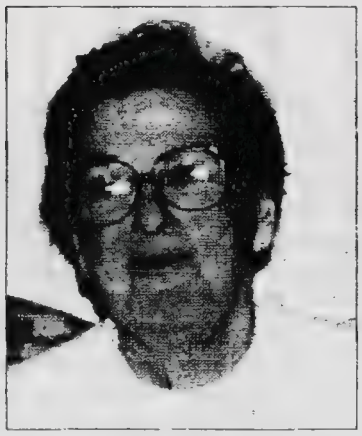
Mr. Hogan was the past president of the Good Sam Club's Kern Valley Rovers chapter. Before moving to the Kern River Valley, Ralph spent many years in the construction trade where he was a superintendent with Spencer and Jones.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Essie. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Allegra "Dodie" Hogan; son Ralph Jr. (Freda) of South Carolina; daughter Vikki (Terry) Lambert of Alta Loma, Calif.; son Ed (Donna) Hogan of Bakersfield; daughter Rose (Albert) Guerrero of Inyokern; son Rick of Ely, Nevada; son Bob (Lori) Hogan; daughter Jane of Arcadia; son Joe (Antoinette) of Highland, Calif.; grandchildren Sheri, Jeff, Todd, Chad, Jennifer, Doug; Sarah, Andrea, Joel, Gabrielle, Lee Phillip, Adam, Amanda, Amy, Christian and Jeremiah; and numerous nieces and nephews in Mississippi and Tennessee.

A memorial service for Ralph was held June 7, 2002 at the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa. Pastor Dan Hellyer officiated. Visitation followed at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment was on June 8 at the Oakdale Memorial Park Cemetery in La Verne, Calif. Pallbearers were Ed Hogan, Bob Hogan, Joe Hogan, Doug Hogan, Albert Guerrero and Terry Lambert.

As the family wishes, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Catherine "Kitty" Watkins

Longtime Kern River Valley resident Catherine "Kitty" Watkins, 61, died June 5, 2002 at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Watkins was born July 25, 1940 in California. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years and taught school in the local school system for 10 years.

Many will remember her for her "Kitty Korner" column in a local newspaper, where she wrote of life's events. She often wrote about the happenings of her children Stacey and Steven, and the family pets.

As a commercial artist for the *Indio Daily News*, she was instrumental in producing an award-winning tabloid for the Bob Hope Desert Classic golf tournament in Palm Springs. Her drawings were recognized by leading businesses in that area and were often used in their advertisements. She also won first place in cover design in a California newspaper contest. It was while working at the *Indio Daily News* that she met her husband, John.

Her family remembers her as a wonderful wife, mother, and most especially grandmother to her granddaughter Lexie. She was a great friend to those whom she considered friends. They will remember her as a soft-spoken person who rarely raised her voice and was always there to lend a hand when needed.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stanley, 6, and her father, Stanley Twaroski, 98.

Mrs. Watkins is survived by her husband, John Watkins; and her children and their spouses Stacey and Adam Sanders and Steven and Jennifer Watkins and granddaughter Lexie Watkins.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. Services were Monday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and burial took place at Kern Valley Cemetery.

John Harlan Peterson

Private arrangements were made for John Harlan Peterson, who passed away after a long illness on June 10, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Peterson was born Jan. 20, 1909 in Valley, Neb. to John and Amanda Peterson. He moved to Pasadena, Calif. in 1939 and met his wife, Alberta, in 1942 at Douglas Aircraft where they both worked. They were married in 1944 and moved to Kern County in June 1947 where John went to work for the Naval Weapons Center in Ridgecrest. They bought their property in Weldon in 1961 and have been residents since 1964.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lela. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alberta; his sister Maruly Johnson of Texas; brother Warren Peterson of Washington; several nieces and nephews; and his loving companion, "Cutie Pie."

The family would like to thank the Gambro Dialysis in Bakersfield and Emmanuel San Joaquin Nursing Home for their outstanding care given to John and most of all our wonderful friend Susan.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Eugene "Gene" Kennedy

Gene Kennedy was born on Dec. 15, 1937 in Alliance, Neb. and passed away on June 11, 2002 in Lake Isabella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Alice Kennedy; his brother, Robert Kennedy; his son, Richard E. Kennedy; and his stepson, James Johnson.

Gene is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nakota; sons John Johnson and Robert Johnson of Oregon, William Johnson of Corning, Calif., Edward Kennedy of Phoenix, Ariz. and Rudy Kennedy of Oregon; daughter Gail Browning of Bakersfield; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers Donald of Missouri, Maurice of Independence, Calif., Charles and James of Oklahoma and Clifford of Johannesburg, Calif.; sister Sharon Scarbrough of Terra Bella, Calif. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene attended Randsburg High School from 1951 to 1954. He then served in the U.S. Army.

Gene lived and worked most of his life in Kern and Inyo counties as a master mechanic, a rancher and later in life as a motel manager with his wife, Nikki.

He enjoyed racing stock cars, camping, fishing and traveling. He was a devout follower of the NASCAR circuit and will be missed each Sunday when the checkered flag drops.

Services arranged by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Doreen N. McIntosh

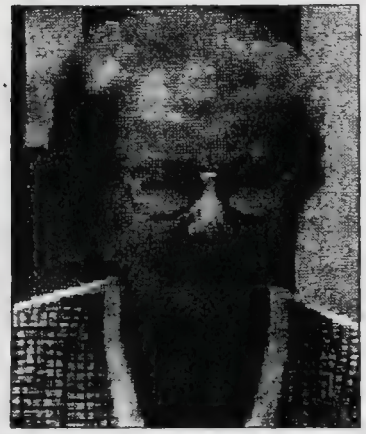
Doreen N. McIntosh passed away on June 5, 2002 at the age of 71.

She is survived by daughter Heather Pemberton and soon-to-be son-in-law John Russo of San Pedro, Calif.; daughter Wendy and J.C. Frank of Lake Isabella; son Randy C. McIntosh of Lake Isabella; her only grandchild, Jarrod R. McIntosh of San Pedro; sister and brother Gail Gallow and David Smith of Toronto, Canada; and many friends in the Lake Isabella area. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Thomas Harvey Matlack

Longtime resident of the Kern Valley, Thomas Harvey Matlack, descendent of the Hinkey family of Kernville, is with his beloved Jesus and his family and friends who have gone on before. After a short bout of Lou Gehrig's disease, Tom passed away peacefully April 16, 2002. At his bedside his loving wife Nancy was in constant attendance. He is also survived by his loving children, Tom Jr. of Boise, Idaho; daughter Maria McAbel of Sparks, Nevada; other family members Ann Clements, Dennis Hinkey and Jimmy MacPherson of the Kern Valley; his stepson Simon; and his stepdaughter Sacheen.

Quoting Scripture, Thomas said, "My end is better than my beginning." Thomas was loved and will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched.



Wilma "Pearl" Rich Delano

Graveside services will be held June 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Wilma "Pearl" Rich Delano.

Wilma was born on June 25, 1910 to William Morris and Eugenia Mae Stubbs in Pawhuska, Okla. She was married to Francis Rich for 54 years until his death in 1982. She married Paul Delano in Lake Isabella and they were married for 15 years until his death in 2000. Pearl, a resident of Lake Isabella, died in an Alzheimer's Home in Fullerton, Calif. on May 4, 2002.

Pearl is survived by her six children— Wendell Rich and wife Elayne of Lake Isabella, Joan Logan and husband Art of Fremont, Calif., Mary Richardson and husband Jim of Yorba Linda, Calif., Christy Rich and wife Vivian of La Jolla, Calif., Danny Rich of Flagstaff, Ariz., and John Rich and wife Dana of Flagstaff, Ariz. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 21 step-great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

Pearl lived in Kansas until 1941 when the family moved to Long Beach, Calif. In 1970 Pearl and Francis retired in Lake Isabella. She loved to fish and was an expert. She knew where the best fishing holes were located, whether by boat or shore. She also loved to garden and dance. Pearl will always be remembered for her "Pearlisms."

Arden Larsen

Arden Larden was born to Lewis and Caroline Larsen on Jan. 6, 1915 in Mason City, Iowa. He entered into rest early in the morning on June 8, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Arden moved from Mason City to McAllen, Texas in 1917 at the age of 2, and at the age of 4, moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He went through school in Council Bluffs and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1934.

Arden worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad as a roundhouse clerk until 1940, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as an aircraft mechanic until 1943, receiving his discharge in 1945 at the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He married in 1942, and had a son, Donald Larsen.

Arden also worked for Langendorf Bakeries from February 1947 to September 1970 as a driver and also a salesman in the cookie division.

Arden moved to the Wofford Heights area in 1970 and met and married Betty McVesty on Nov. 8, 1972. Betty preceded him in death in August 1995.

After moving here he took a job with the Corps of Engineers as a maintenance plumber and stayed with them for the next six years, finally permanently retiring in 1978.

Arden loved the lake area and enjoyed many hours hunting and fishing.

He is survived by one son, Donald of Torrance, Calif.

Graveside services were held June 11, 2002 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated.

Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gertrude "Trudy" Louise Dickson

Trudy Dickson was born in Bells Run, Pa. on Nov. 21, 1921, to her parents William and Lola Howden. She was raised in Weldsville, N.Y., and moved to Kernville in 1956 with her husband Harold Barnes and their four children. She worked on the fire camps as a cook when needed with her husband who was the ranger at Kennedy Meadows. After Harold tragically died in a forest fire in 1961, Trudy met and later married Richard T. Dickson in 1973. They traveled with a logging crew all over Northern California. Richard passed away in 1992, prompting Trudy to return to Kernville to spend time with her grandchildren. Trudy enjoyed playing bingo, was a member of the VFW, and attended the Kernville Baptist Church. Gertrude "Trudy" Louise Dickson passed away on June 17, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Her loving family and special friends gathered graveside on June 22, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights to pay their last respects to a special lady that they all knew and loved so much. Trudy will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She will live in her hearts and our memories forever.

Gertrude "Trudy" Dickson is survived by her daughters Shirley Wagner of Kernville, Linda McDonald of Torrance, and Judy Henderson of Glide, Ore. Also surviving Trudy are her 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Edith Howard of Pennsylvania and Helen Young of New York; sister-in-law Elenor Howden of New York and by her many special friends. Trudy is preceded in passing by her two husbands; by two brothers, William and James Howden; her son Harold "Buzz" Barnes; her daughter, Carla Jean Barnes, and by her grandson Joseph "Joey" Wagner. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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He is survived by one son, Donald of Torrance, Calif.

Graveside services were held June 11, 2002 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated.

Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Zelda Stephenson

Zelda Stephenson was born on Feb. 1, 1915 in Wagoner, Okla. and passed away on May 19, 2002 in Bakersfield.

She was married for 57 years to the late Albert "Bud" Stephenson. Zelda lived in Bodfish since 1976. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Wesley) Johnson of New Jersey; son Bruce (Georgia) Stephenson of Bodfish; son Alan Stephenson of San Diego; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Zelda was a homemaker and loved to cook. Her favorite pastime was fishing with Georgia. Mom, we love you and we will miss you dearly.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Cecil Ray Kirby, Sr.

Cecil Kirby passed away on May 26, 2002, due to heart failure. He was a resident of Bodfish. Three children survive him: Stanley Allen Kirby of Barstow, Cecil Ray Kirby Jr. of Kansas and Mary Ann Ray of North Carolina. Cecil served in the Air Force and was buried at Riverside National Cemetery. He had over 40 years with the Carpenter's Union No. 150. He was an active member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 498. His favorite restaurant was the Dam Korner No. 1 where he would meet his 9 o'clock friends for breakfast most mornings.

Gladys P. Tice

Gladys P. Tice was born in Rogers, Ark. on Dec. 14, 1912 to Lonnie C. and Lilla May Patterson, and passed away on June 20, 2002. She was 89 years old, and a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 33 years off and on.

She is preceded in death by her husband Wallace (Wally) Tice on Jan. 31, 1987 in Alturas, Calif., after 47 years of marriage. He was a Kern County building inspector for 17 years in the Lake Isabella area. She was also preceded in death by her son, Jimmy W. Hargrove of Lake Isabella in May 1990, her parents, two sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Jarrell D. Ryan of Alturas, Calif.; her son, John W. Tice and wife Rose of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her sister Ruth Coalson of Westminster, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was much loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Eva Esther High

Private arrangements were made for Eva Esther High, who passed away on June 22, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

Eva was born on June 26, 1911 in Grisham, Ore. and moved to Pasadena, Calif. with her husband in 1931. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971.

Eva loved to crochet and cook. She was a member of the Kern Valley Bible Church and lived a very full life. She enjoyed her friends and most of all, she loved her family and doing for them.

She is survived by daughter Violet and husband Bob Cossey; daughter Nancy Yemmons; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Elmer Peake. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Lloyd High.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Alpha Mae Shipley

Alpha Mae Shipley was born April 5, 1906 to Calvin and Nellie Long in Boone County, Mo. She was the oldest of nine children. She passed away June 25, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Alpha married Albert Daniel in December 1926. He preceded her in death after 62 years of marriage.

She was the proud and loving mother of four children. Three of them preceded her in death— two daughters, Mary E. Batner and Vivian R. Marsh, both of Columbia, Mo., and one son, William M. of Southlake.

She is survived by one son, Donald C. of Southlake; daughter-in-law Glenda of Southlake; son-in-law Kenneth S. Batner of Columbia, Mo.; and one sister, Lena Richmond of Kansas City, Kan.

Alpha was blessed with nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Alpha loved to crochet and made many afghans for everyone. She also loved to cook big Sunday dinners for all the family.

Alpha will be greatly missed by everyone and will remain in our hearts forever.

Interment was at Kern Valley Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Anna John Tuttle

Graveside services were held on June 26, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Anna Tuttle, who passed away on June 24, 2002.

Anna John Tuttle was born on Dec. 7, 1928 in Tipton, Okla. and moved to the Kern County area as a child with her parents. She moved to the Kernville area and later graduated from Johnsondale High School. Anna was a resident of Kern County for more than 60 years. As a teen she worked at the pack station at Roads End with the Pascoe family, where she met her husband to be, Alan. She married him on June 29, 1946. They made their residence in Wofford Heights, where they began raising their family while she worked at the hospital, which was then in Wofford Heights. Soon she began ranching and farming in the South Fork area. She was inspector on the Election Board in Wofford Heights in excess of 25 years.

She was very active in the rodeo, barrel racing, pole bending and team penning. In later years she was very active in the Senior Center where she was vice president for the senior program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan, in September 1992. She is survived by her son, Alan "Bo" and his wife Brenda; daughter Susie and husband Michael Brown; three grandchildren, Shannon "Sam" and husband Charlie Flores, Liberty and husband Joe Grubb, and Rhonda Tuttle; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel and Brennen Grubb and Adriann Flores— and one on the way.

She is also survived by her brother, Don Wren, sister Ruth Jones, and other relatives as well as many friends around the valley.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Ann Tuttle

There's very few around
Ann Tuttle never touched
Her heart was open wide,
Loved us all so much.
She grew up in the saddle
And horses were her love,
At round-up time in heaven
Her brand will shine above.
Remember well, we do
A tale we were to know,
While herding scores of cattle
Appeared a buffalo.
Well, Ann was sure surprised:
Her horse turned in fear,
She nearly lost her saddle
The horse was in high gear.
Many times we were to share
And in her presence see,
She and hubby Alan,
Happy as could be.
In our C.B. family
Cowbell was her name.
So proudly she bore it
And dancing was her game.
She could do the whirly gigs
And she never tired,
Her dance card always full,
Her presence was desired.
We'll miss her every day
And deep within our hearts
For all the years to come
Her name will be a part.

— June and Herm Stevens

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2002

Clara Marie Anderson

Clara Marie Anderson was born Oct. 21, 1924. She passed away July 4, 2002 at the age of 77.

The eldest child of Art and Marie Malone, Clara spent many wonderful years in the Kern River Valley. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack; sons Jack Jr. and Eric; father Art; sisters Joyce and Edith; and brother Willard. She will be loved and missed by those who survive her—daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Tom Kramer of Ridgecrest; son Gary and Lori Anderson of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren Michelle Tweedel of Stockbridge, Ga., Eric Galvin of Ridgecrest, Corbin and Carly Anderson of Spokane, Wash., great-grandgrandchildren Austin and Brady Tweedell of Stockbridge, Ga., mother Marie Malone; brothers Harvey, Stanley, Loren, and Boyd; and sisters Patricia and Dorthy.

Graveside services were held on July 9, 2002 at KernValley Cemetery. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Thelma I. Hamer

Thelma I. Hamer was born to Frank and Hannah Durbin on May 3, 1914 in Portland, Ore. She passed away June 29, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Gerald, and daughter-in-law Dianna; daughter Peggy and son-in-law Ted Michel, all of Heppner, Ore.; sister Virginia and brother-in-law Floyd of Gardena, Calif.; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed going to the Elks Lodge with her husband, and she loved to go shopping. She needed four closets just for her things. She will be dearly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Kenneth Jerold Jackson

Kenneth Jerold Jackson was born in Sallisaw, Okla. on June 26, 1931 and passed into the Kingdom of God on June 27, 2002. Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary in Bakersfield on July 2, 2002.

Kenneth served his country as a paratrooper during the Korean Conflict. He operated a backhoe business for years and spent his retirement in his beloved Lake Isabella. He enjoyed morning coffee with his brother, Billy, monthly dinners with his loving family and visiting with friends and his special bowling buddies.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Gayle Jackson; daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Paul Vissering; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth "Wayne" and Karen Jackson; grandsons Greg and Bryan Jackson and Danny Palafox and their families; and granddaughters Jessica Graves, Diana Meyers and Callie Vissering and their families. Kenneth will be especially missed by his special friend, Peggy Phillips.

Kenneth was the much loved brother of his sisters and their husbands— Mildred and Earl Pippin, Helen and Ed Kuhn, Geraldine Jackson, Linda and J.R. Bangloy— and his brother and his wife, Billy and Betty Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Jewel Jackson, and his brother, Cobby.

Kenneth was a wonderful father, loving grandfather and uncle, a terrific "big brother" and a loyal friend.

We know you were welcomed into the hands of Jesus and have been reunited with Mother and Daddy and all other loved ones who were there to greet you. You are forever in our hearts as a special "one-of-a-kind" man. We love you always. Your family.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2002

NG THE KERN VALLEY

Local family of 6 drowns in lake

Largest drowning incident in county history

By Jeanne Miller
& Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writers

Several pair of small shoes, container of juice and a bag of potato chips remained on the shore of Isabella Lake on the afternoon of July 2.

Their owners never returned to claim them — six more victims of the cool and inviting water of the reservoir. Following the worst water-related tragedy in Kern County history, mourners gathered around a makeshift cross on the shore Tuesday night to remember Wofford Heights residents Martin and Charlotte Skaggs, both 45, and four of their six children: 10-year-old Melanie, 8-year-old April, 7-year-old Lindsey and 5-year-old Travis..

Two older boys, Cody, 14, and Jeremy, 12, did not go to the lake with the rest of the family that day, and are now staying with their grandparents in Weldon.

In what Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks called a "tragic accident," the Wofford Heights family died, most likely— according to Sheriff's Department investigators— when one or more of the

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young girls stepped off a shallow sandbar into deeper water. The body of Martin Skaggs, who suffered from back and leg problems, was located by Search & Rescue volunteers in the same vicinity. He may have tried to bring them to safety before also finding himself in trouble.

Charlotte Skaggs and Travis were pulled alive from the water by nearby campers shortly after 3 p.m. Skaggs might have seen her husband's attempt to help the girls and tried to swim to his aid, according to officials. Travis, in all likelihood, followed his mother. She was transported to Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, where she died later that night. Travis was airlifted to Valley Children's Hospital in Madera, where he died on Thursday.

A 911 call brought in Search & Rescue volunteers who later located the bodies of Martin, Melanie and Lindsey Skaggs. The body of April, the only one of the family who was not considered to be a weak swimmer, was not recovered until the following day.

It was not an easy end for a family that had not enjoyed an easy life. Charlotte and Martin Skaggs were separated at the time of the accident. Charlotte and the children were staying with friends, until they could manage a home of their own.

Melanie

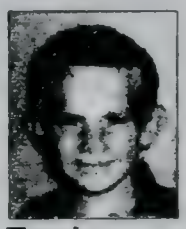
April

"Their separation has been on-going since the marriage started," said the former husband of Charlotte's late daughter by another relationship, Mike Foster. "It was just that kind of a relationship."

Lindsey

Both Martin and Charlotte had had drug-related convictions, according to Sgt. J.C. Plank of the Kern County Sheriff's Lake Isabella substation. One local resident said, "The Sheriffs knew who they were." That, according to Plank, was an accurate assessment.

Foster's former wife, Angela Foster Skates, died in a roll-over accident in the Kern River Canyon in February of this year, leaving Foster with their two small sons — Charlotte Skaggs' grandchildren. They were a close family, according to Foster. "She was a loving and caring mom," he said. "If you saw her somewhere, the kids were right in the back seat. It was a carful of heads.


Travis

"She was very fun-loving. Some of the best times I've had laughing, I've had with her."

The Kern Valley community has come together — not just to mourn — but to raise money for burial expenses and for an educational fund for the remaining two children. A fundraising car wash, held in Lake Isabella Saturday, raised close to $1,200, with several more planned.

Funeral services for the family are scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights, followed by a graveside service at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Robert Earl "Bob" Hagood

Bob Hagood was born in Columbus, Miss. on Dec. 2, 1925 to William and Clara Hagood and entered into eternal life in Bodfish on July 11, 2002.

He served his country with the U.S. Navy during WWII after which he became a Merchant Marine.

Bob worked in the aircraft industry for a while before becoming a meat cutter and worked for Imperial Farms for 20 years, then for Golden West Meats before retiring. After retirement, he and his wife Rose bought a motor home and traveled for a year, visiting 23 states, before finding a home in Bodfish.

He loved to hunt, fish and bowl and loved his biscuits and gravy.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Mike Kelley of Washington. He is survived by his wife, Rose; daughter Vickie Hav of Lancaster, Calif.; daughter Theresa Cordato of Torrance, Calif.; daughter Jacqui Smith of Tennessee; daughter Rachael Husted of Florida; son Randy Steeley of Washington; sister Dorothy Suggs of Inglewood, Calif.; brother Russell Hagood of Texas; brother Joe Hagood of Washington; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services will be held on July 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, with interment to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Violet L. Greenwood

Violet L. Greenwood passed away July 8, 2002 in Weldon at the age of 79.

Violet was born in Oklahoma on February 11, 1923. She lived in the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club.

Violet was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Greenwood, in 1985. They were married for 40 years.

She is survived by daughter Sharon Greenwood-Montero of Weldon; son David Greenwood of Corona, Calif.; son Jerry Greenwood of Fontana, Calif.; son Barry Greenwood of Northern California; and six grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

I would like to thank God for allowing me to take care of my mother for the past two years of her life. It has been my pleasure and my honor to do so. We will all miss her. — Sharon Greenwood-Montero

In Memory Of

Jean Wyly

July 25, 1923–May 17, 2002

Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, WW II Veteran

Rest In Peace,
Your Loving Children –
Jim, Alan, Chris, Steve, Ann, John, Marion, Lois

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002

Remembering

George M. Ferrans

1971–1999

George was killed on the Kern River
July 19, 1999, during a whitewater rafting
"Safety Adventure Swim".

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
"Tis grace, has brought me safe thus far,
And grace has led me home.

You will always be in the hearts and
minds of Your Family
Soft and safe to thee George...

Robert Harry Passig

Robert Harry Passig, 81, of Redondo Beach and Lake Isabella, died July 10, 2002 at home.

Born July 12, 1921 in Clinton, Iowa, he was the son of the late Carl and Hazel Passig. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen O'Connor Passig, and his sister, Lois Wood.

Bob served in the Air Force as a sergeant in Burma during World War II. He was a self-employed auto mechanic for many years, and worked for both MGM Studios and CBS Television City in the Transportation Department until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and playing the guitar. He loved animals, especially cats, and provided a home for many strays.

Surviving are one brother, Richard and wife Barbara of Washington state; daughter Linda and husband Raymond Crough of Frederick, Md.; and two granddaughters, Casey and Amanda Crough, also of Frederick.

Bob will be deeply missed and remembered by his friend, Pauline Boyle.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rice's Mortuary of Frederick, Md.

Ernest Pel Adams, Jr.

Ernest Pel Adams, Jr., was born Sept. 15, 1934 and passed away July 15, 2002. Ernest was the proud father of six children— Dave Adams of Bodfish; Diane Verreras of Lake Isabella; Ernie Adams of Diamond Bar; Rick Adams of Chino Hills; and Mike Adams of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Laurie Adams David, and by his wife, Barbara, to whom he was a dedicated husband. He also has one brother, Dan Adams of Walnut Creek. In addition he left behind 13 beautiful grandchildren who will miss him very much. Ernest served his time proudly in the U.S. Army and retired from Southern California Edison in 1986 after 27 years service.

To all who knew our father, he was a man that you'd never forget. An individual of character or candor. He will be missed but never forgotten. Graveside services will be held July 29, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Josephine Priscilla Boyd

Funeral services were held July 22, 2002 at the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella for Josephine P. Boyd, who passed away at the age of 92 on July 16, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Officiating was the Reverend Steve Miller.

Mrs. Boyd was born Sept. 26, 1909 in Sapulpa, Okla. and came to California with her husband, Hack, in a covered wagon. They settled in Inglewood, Calif., which was mostly bean fields at the time. This is where she raised her family.

They moved to the Kern River Family in 1971. She was a life member of the Church of the Nazarene and she enjoyed camping and fishing with her family. She was a great cook and enjoyed canning. She always had a smile on her face, and always found something to laugh about.

Josephine and Hack were married for more than 60 years before he passed away. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hack; two daughters, Gloria and June Kay; a grandchild, Mark; and a great-grandson, Eric. She is survived by her four children, Ben and his wife Jean Boyd; Larm and his wife, Barbara; daughter Carolyn Edwards; and son David and his wife Nancy Boyd; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edna and Wilma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mary Jane Moses

Mary Jane Moses, 71, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on July 16, 2002. She died peacefully at home in Redmond, Wash., surrounded by family.

She was a longtime resident of Bodfish and Trona, Calif. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Warren G. Moses. She is survived by three children, Warren Dale Moses of Brentwood, Calif.; Robert Dean Moses of Texas; and Mary Alonna Gaines of Redmond, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services and interment were held at Trona Cemetery on July 22, 2002. The family requests that memorials be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Margaret Amedea Mestyanek

Margaret Amedea Mestyanek, a longtime resident of Squirrel Valley, passed away at home July 17, 2002.

Born in Tuluca, Ill. on April 16, 1903, Margaret was 99.

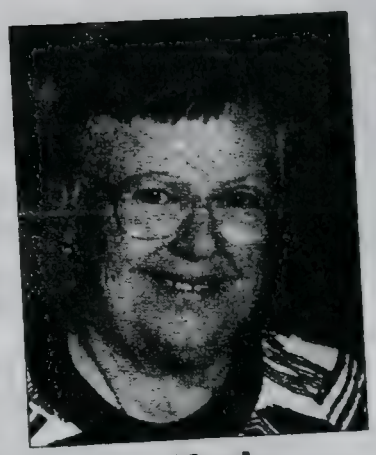
She is survived by grandson Glenn King of Suquamish, Wash.; granddaughter Gail Kern of Carson City, Nev.; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and son-in-law Fred King of Squirrel Valley.

Margaret was a member of Eastern Star No. 640 in Desert Hot Springs and a member of Grandmothers Club No. 94 in Lake Isabella.

She enjoyed card parties, gardening, roses and visits with family members and friends.

Cremation arrangements by the Neptune Society.

She will be missed dearly.



Susan Myric (Witt) Milligan

Susan Myric (Witt) Milligan was born December 31, 1922 and passed away July 26, 2002 at the age of 79.

Sue was born and raised in Randsburg, and lived in the Kern Valley for the past 60 years. She leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law Russ and Carolyn Milligan; daughter Sandy (Milligan) Smith and friend Denny Knight; grandchildren Chrissie Mansour, Randy Milligan, Jess Montgomery, Chase Smith and Jamy Smith; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Hi, Jim and Mike Witt.

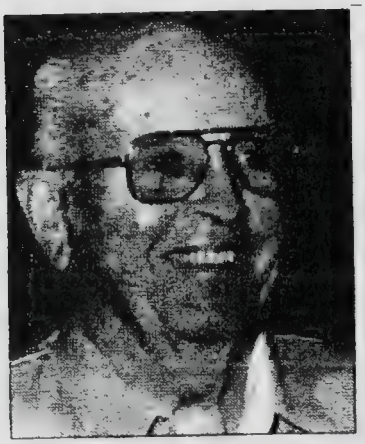
She is preceded in death by brothers and sisters Mac, Hardee, Wade, Albert, Robert, Tim, Ruth, Margaret, and Mary.

Sue leaves behind many friends in the valley, and lots and lots of great memories. She is going to be greatly missed by all.

Memorial services will be held Aug. 2, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church, 2959 Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the clubhouse at the church.

Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.



Howard Thurman "Seahawk" Bruster

Howard Bruster, 87, of Lake Isabella, went to his Heavenly Father on July 5, 2002 in Tucson, Ariz., surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Camille Bayer Bruster. Howard was an avid CBer, boater, camper and horseshoe player. He is survived by his two daughters, Deedee Bruster Cohen of Moorpark, Calif. and Margie Kersey of Tucson, Ariz. Howard also leaves behind a posterity of seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Those who knew Howard and called him friend will miss him dearly.

God saw that he was getting tired and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful hearts we watched him peacefully fade away.

Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

As requested by Howard, no memorial service will be held. His ashes will be mingled with those of his dear wife, Camille, and spread in the ocean near Catalina Island where he spent many happy times with Camille and his daughters. Donations may be made in Howard's name to the Carondelet Hospice Services at 1802 W. St. Mary's Rd., Tucson, Ariz. 85745, who gave so generously to make Dad's final days more comfortable.

James Carl Belcher, Ceora Jane Belcher

James and Jane Belcher passed away on July 23, 2002 in Weldon.

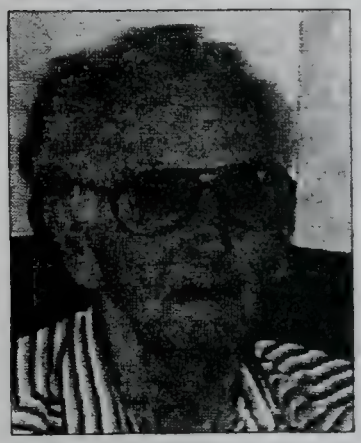
They were raised in Lavonia, Mich. and were high school sweethearts. The two later married and they raised their family in Michigan. In 1962, James and Jane picked up roots and moved to Lancaster, Calif. area where James began working at Edwards Air Force Base. James and Jane continued to live and work in the high desert until 1982. The two then retired and moved to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Weldon.

James was a member of the Moose and Jane was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lancaster. The two enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with their grandchildren. They will be truly missed by all who knew and loved them, and by all those they loved.

Graveside services were held on July 30, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Father Patrick Persinger of St. Jude's Catholic Church officiated.

James and Jane Belcher are survived by son Joseph Belcher and his wife Jacquelen of Lavonia, Mich.; son John Belcher and his wife Eileen of Lancaster; daughter Patricia Rusa of Lompoc, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. James and Jane were preceded in passing by their sons Charles, James Jr. and William.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Michael Joseph Erhardt

Michael Joseph Erhardt passed away of complications from pneumonia on July 27, 2002 at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif. Michael was born in 1926 and was a U.S. Army WWII Purple Heart veteran. He retired from the Buick Motor Division in Flint, Mich.

He resided in Barstow, Calif. and is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Kathryn Mae Erhardt. He is also survived by a son, Kenneth Michael Erhardt and his wife, Brenda; a daughter, Linda Kaye McAndrews and her husband, Tom, of Riverside, Calif.; son Robert Lee Erhardt and his wife Ann of Sacramento, Calif.; and son Michael Allen Erhardt of Moreno Valley, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons, and is survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Aug. 5, 2002 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Military honors included the 21 gun salute.

Dorothy Elizabeth (Holderle) Colombini

Dorothy Elizabeth (Holderle) Colombini, 81, died June 21, 2002 at her home in Portland, Ore. following an extended illness.

She was born Feb. 26, 1921 in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of the late Charles and Viola (Dames) Holderle. She is survived by a daughter, Eileen Clevenger and her husband Blair of Portland, Ore.; a grandson, Todd Kelley of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Shirley Mills of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; a nephew, Steven Mills of Long Beach, Calif.; two nieces, Lori Finney of Baltimore, Md.; and Jackie Gray of St. Louis, Mo.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Harold Holderle.

She was a longtime resident of Oildale and Lake Isabella, and spent several years in Morro Bay, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lake Isabella. Remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Omega Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Portland, Ore.

Mable Blevins

Mable Blevins was born on Dec. 18, 1932 and went to be with our Lord on July 29, 2002.

She lived in Weldon for the past two years and had lived in Kern County for the past 25 years. Mable is survived by her children, Roland Blevins of Lamont, Warren Blevins Jr. of Lake Isabella, Joann Miller of Bakersfield, Charles Blevins of Weldon, Ronald Blevins of Weldon, Tim Blevins of Weldon, and Deborah Flynn of Mt. Mesa; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Full-Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa on Aug. 9, 2002 at noon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002

Leslie Fredrick "Les" Schmidt

Leslie Fredrick "Les" Schmidt was born on Oct. 31, 1935 in Los Angeles and passed away of pancreatic cancer on July 29, 2002 at the age of 66.

The only son of Ena S. Schmidt of Wofford Heights, he will be missed by his loving mother, his daughter Kristin Winsor and grandson Dustin Rhinehart of Bakersfield; his half-sister, Geraldine Sullivan and family of Burbank, Calif.; aunt Joseph Barker of Studio City, Calif.; and her son Edward and family of Chatsworth, Calif.

Les is also loved and will be greatly missed by his beloved Betty Schmidt of Southlake and family, who took care of him in his final days.

Les served his country with the U.S. Navy. He lived in the Kern River Valley for 16 years after a career as a professional gardener in Los Angeles and was a physical therapist assistant here in the valley.

He loved fishing, model railroading, gardening and the beach.

There will be a memorial gathering of friends and family on Aug. 17, 2002 at noon at his home at 20 Senjayho Lane in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

A Special Tribute
To Our Sister
Clara Malone Anderson
10/21/24 to 7/4/02

Our eldest sister and a feisty Irish gal who feared naught. A quick temper that might show up if she wasn't in the mood for teasing. If you decided to test her, better not be standing too close, 'cause you might feel the pain of her ire. Adelme and I will miss you. Love Harv

Big sister to nine of us, and many others that "joined" our family through the years. Always put her family first. Loved being a part of such a big family. Always had a great sense of humor and could laugh at herself. We will miss her deeply. Stan & Family

Sometime loud, blunt, frank and outspoken, and maybe a few colorful cuss words to get her point across. Made friends easily and kept them for a lifetime. That was just the way she was. Loren

A dedicated and loyal family member, sister and friend. My very best supporter and critic in whatever I did. Always had an instant opinion, but left a door open for listening. Love you and miss you. Patsy & Pat
I will think of you always on my gambling trips. I know you have already found that big slot machine in the sky. Til we meet again. "Maria & Elena"
Love you "Dorty"

In Remembrance: (Our last visit was her gracious smile and laughter and her concern for all her family members' well-being and happiness.) Even when she called me a "Dumb Head" it was with love. Bud & Julie

David Bryan Harvey

David Bryan Harvey was born July 17, 1946 in Pasadena, Calif. and passed away Aug. 4, 2002 at his home in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his beloved mother, Wilma Pollock; his sister, Gloria Green of Prescott, Ariz.; his cousin, Gloria Stevens of Bakersfield, Calif.; his sister-in-law Dianne Harvey of San Francisco; niece Lisa Staal of Twin Peaks, Calif.; nephew Craig Wycoff of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Arkansas and Texas. He was preceded in death by his twin, Danny Bruce Harvey, in 1978; his father, Willie Harvey, in 1954; and his stepfather, Harold Pollock, in 1979.

David graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies. He served his country courageously as an Army Medic during the Vietnam conflict. Dave retired in Sept. 2001 from the U.S. Forest Service after 20 years, having worked previously 10 years for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management in both Minnesota and Arizona.

David was an avid marathon runner and hiker with a great love of God's creation and enjoyed photographing its great beauty. He belonged to the National Audubon Society and was a very active volunteer at the Kern River Preserve. Dave was also a member of the Sierra Club and Kern County Search and Rescue. He volunteered at many local organizations including Camp Owen and was very concerned with protecting our national environment.

A memorial service was held Aug. 7, 2002 at the Kernville United Methodist Church with the U.S. Forest Service officiating the service and interment took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Diane Timm

Diane Timm, born on Oct. 8, 1940, in Clovis, N.M. to Clyde and Charlie Faye Massongill, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 5, 2002.

Diane is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Stephen; her children, Carrie Watson and Randy of Rohnert Park, Calif., Crystal Andrew and Mark of Lancaster, Calif., Stephen Timm and Jennifer of Lancaster, Candy Garcia of Lancaster and Cherie Timm of Merritt, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; a sister, Roxanne Carter of Mukilteo, Wash.; and a brother, Duane Massongill of Las Vegas, Nevada.

A memorial service to celebrate Diane's life was held Aug. 9, 2002 at New Hope Community Church in Lancaster.

Bernice June Williams

Bernice June Williams, 74, a 15-year resident of Bodfish, passed away on Aug. 2, 2002.

Bernice was born Jan. 25, 1928 to Evelyn Ereta and Ferdinand Olak Nordstrom of Detroit, Mich.

Bernice is survived by her husband, Ted; her two daughters, Jacqueline E. Raffa of Bodfish and Johanna E. Willett of New Market, Ala.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Bernice and Ted were married in Buffalo, N.Y. on May 6, 1949 after a whirlwind romance and courtship of six weeks. Bernice and Ted remained lovers, friends, confidants and husband and wife for 53 wonderful years.

Bernice's husband Ted and her daughter Jacqueline were by her side when she passed.

Bernice requested there be no memorial service. Her ashes will be spread at sea in an area of the South Pacific very dear to her and her family, where many wonderful years were spent together.

Anna Belle Slaton

Anna Belle Slaton, 92, passed away on January 18, 2002. She lived in Lake Isabella for 30 years.

She was born in Oklahoma in 1910. She was adopted from a Choctaw Indian reservation. She had no birth certificate, so her exact date of birth is not known.

Her occupation was in ceramics and she was employed by the Glendale Company.

She was widowed for over 25 years. She is survived by her children Maxine Dunlap, Mary O'Neal, Margaret Ann Miller, Raelene Goddard and James A. Miller; 20 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her good friend, Shirley Keeling.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 22, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital at 10 a.m. in the day room. Officiating will be the Rev. Ardis Sandall.

John Whitker Stafford

Private arrangements have been made for John W. Stafford, who passed away Aug. 17, 2002 in an auto accident in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Stafford was born May 21, 1923 in Boling Green, Ohio. He served in the Navy during WWII in the Pacific. After returning from the service, he received his Bachelor's Degree from UCLA and proceeded into his lifelong work of engineering and sales. He had two great passions in his life— he was an audiophile and loved the Big Band era, and he was a member of the Kern Valley Gun Club and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was also an excellent woodworker. He enjoyed the outdoors very much, which was one of the reasons he moved here to Wofford Heights after retiring. John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 35 years, Granny Faye.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Debbie Stafford of Rancho San Diego; daughter and husband Catherine and Robbie Manning of Apple Valley; and four grandchildren, Kerri Manning, Kimberly Manning, Caitlin Stafford and Cole Stafford. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

John will be buried with his family in Boling Green, Ohio. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Virginia Marie Flynn

Virginia Marie Flynn, 73, passed away on Aug. 3, 2002 at her Mountain Mesa home. Her four children, Ellen Gragg and Jim, Charles and Kevin Flynn and their families were with her. Virginia had been ill for a short time.

She dedicated her life to her family and working in the service of others. As a schoolteacher, Virginia taught special needs children in the Orange County and Magnolia school districts. Upon retirement from teaching in 1989, Virginia and her husband, Chuck, moved to Mountain Mesa. They enjoyed traveling, volunteering and playing golf. They volunteered for the National Park Service in Death Valley for six years. Virginia continued her volunteer work after Chuck's death in 2000. Her activities included chairing the Scholarship Committee for the Death Valley '49ers and volunteering at the curatorial facility at Death Valley National Park and Manzanar Monument.

Virginia was loved and will be missed by a large family, including her children and their spouses— Ellen and Durk Gragg of Loomis, Calif., Jim and Nancy Flynn of Coarsegold, Calif., Charles and Kimi Flynn of Aptos, Calif., and Kevin and Laurie Flynn of Scottsdale, Ariz.; grandchildren Bryan, Roo, Amanda, Cody, Sierra, Kyle, Ali and Aspen; sisters Eleanor Campbell of Kernville and Gloria Kreisher of Bakersfield; brother Ed Wasielewski of Phoenix; brother-in-law James Campbell of Kernville; nephew Bob Campbell of Inyokern; niece Julie Hawkins of Visalia; great-nieces Wendy Hawkins of Monterey, Holly Forseth (Campbell) of Chicago and Heather Campbell of San Francisco; and great-nephews Brad, Nic and Adam Hawkins of Visalia.

Her niece Susan Campbell preceded Virginia in death.

A celebration of Virginia's life will be held Aug. 24 at the home of Bob and Alice Campbell, 1055 Sierra Vista, Inyokern at 4 p.m. Please contact Kevin Flynn at (480) 948-9082 for directions.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Virginia's name to: Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 338, Death Valley CA 92328 or Friends of the Kern Valley Libraries, P.O. Box 554, Kernville CA 93238.

For additional service information, please contact Basham Funeral Home, 3312 Niles, Bakersfield, (661) 873-8200.

Charles Edward Spiegel

Charles Edward Spiegel was born to Edward and Ollie Spiegel in Port Lavaca, Texas on Jan. 17, 1913. He entered into rest on Aug. 9, 2002 at the age of 89 at his home in Lake Isabella with his wife and family by his side.

Charles worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif., where he was a mock-up mechanic for 36 years. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with his buddy, Bill Helton, who preceded him in death. He loved his garden and took pride in seeing it grow. His prize was a 38-pound pumpkin that he grew.

Charles is survived by his wife, Elmira, of Lake Isabella; sister-in-law June Williams and her daughter Michelle of Lake Isabella; sister Thelma Spiegel of Reno, Nevada; great-niece Dorothy, granddaughter Katherine Weiss and godson Donald Wines, all of Lake Isabella; four sons— Charles Spiegel and wife Sherry of Los Angeles, Roger Spiegel of San Diego, Raymond Feliz and wife DeDe of Las Vegas and Frank Feliz of Las Vegas; daughter Susan Dukeshire and husband of Sunland, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Charles loved his family and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services were entrusted to the care of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Jessie Ellen Rucker

Memorial services were held Aug. 15, 2002 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Jessie Ellen Rucker, who went to be with the Lord on Aug. 12, 2002 after a short illness. Officiating was Pastor Preston North. Graveside services were held at Mt. View Memorial Park in Barstow on Aug. 16, 2002.

Jessie was born in Yale, Okla. and came to California at the age of 8 to the San Joaquin Valley with her family. There she met and married Leroy Tyler in 1946 and they moved to Newberry Springs in 1950. She was very active in the Newberry Community Church and was a member of the Newberry School District Board. She and Leroy owned Tyler Well Drilling and Excavation and also the Newberry Market. After Leroy's death she moved to Barstow where she worked for the Barstow School District and finished raising her family. She then married Ed Rucker in 1978 and in 1980 Ed and Jessie moved to the Kern River Valley and they became the proprietors of the Onyx Emporium.

Upon retiring they traveled extensively and spent many hours hunting and fishing. She was a member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and TOPS No. 436.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Tyler and in 1971 and Ed Rucker in 1995, and two brothers.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kathie and Gene Orton; daughter Linda and son-in-law Rick Beacham; daughter Jane and son-in-law Frank Hill; two brothers and five sisters; six grandchildren— Melissa and husband Mike Guido, Amanda and husband Jeff Johnson, Lucy Beacham, Nickolas Beacham, Amy and husband Kevin Howe, and Timothy Hill; and four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jennifer, Julianna and Garret.

Jessie will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She is with her Lord now.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Recently my dear friend lost the love of her life to cancer.

Carol and Charlie moved here to the Valley in July of 1999 from Portland, Oregon to help care for his ailing mother (although whether she was really ill or not is in question).

Charlie had resided in Oregon for 23 years after serving his time in the U.S. Marines and fighting for his country in Vietnam.

He then met the love of his life, Carol, in 1995. He and Carol had their first date on Aug. 14, 1995— seven years to the day before they laid Charlie to rest.

While residing in Lake Isabella, they accumulated property together while Carol worked the first year and a half, paying all bills.

Charlie was a jack-of-all-trades, mainly being self-employed, working construction most of his life.

Charlie was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt. As Carol wasn't really into hunting, she and Charlie did a lot of fishing together, which she learned to love as Charlie did.

In May 2001, Carol left the Smoke Shop where she had worked for almost two years, and opened up her own cigarette business. Charlie told her, "This is your baby, run it the way you want," and she did with a lot of sweat and determination.

She worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week for a year, until Charlie went into the hospital and was diagnosed with cancer of the brain.

She then closed the store in June, as she was traveling to the VA Hospital in L.A. every day to see Charlie.

Unfortunately, there was trouble with Charlie's family during this time. There is a question about their control of Charlie's assets, including a car that Charlie had bought her six years before.

Two and a half weeks before Charlie passed, they removed him from the hospital and brought him home to his mother's residence.

I saw my dear friend Carol go through so much pain, she wasn't even allowed to grieve in peace, and didn't deserve the treatment she got.

See, due to the nature of Charlie's illness, he could not fight back, nor speak on Carol's behalf.

I know where Charlie wanted to be— home with the love of his life. He told me himself when I visited him in the hospital that he had asked Carol numerous times to marry him.

Charlie loved her more than life, as she loved him.

We have come to the conclusion that none of these people have ever known the kind of love and devotion that Charlie and Carol shared.

One thing they can never take away from her is the memories they both shared.

Carol, Charlie will always be with you in spirit and heart.

Your friend always,

Love, Phyllis

Della Dee Henson

Della Dee Henson, 86, passed away Aug. 26, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa. She had been ill for quite some time. Her three daughters and family members were with her. She dedicated her life to her family and being of service to others.

Della had worked as a baker for many years for the Ford Motor Co. in Kansas City, Mo. and in Southern California. She moved to this area after retirement some years ago to be with her daughters. She enjoyed short car trips, yard sales and dining out as well as family dinners.

Della was preceded in death by three daughters, Charlotte, Karen and Wanda. She is survived by three daughters, Bonnie Chastain, Beverly Rogers and Sharon Nelson; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her twin sister, Dorothy, her sister Martha and their families in Missouri.

Services were held on Aug. 29, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Covina, Calif. on Aug. 30, 2002.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Virginia Nell "Babe" Andrews

Virginia Nell "Babe" Andrews, a longtime Weldon resident, passed away at home peacefully on Aug. 22, 2002, following a year of complications due to a stroke and heart attack.

Born Feb. 14, 1914 in Sulphur, Okla., she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, John Herbert Andrews. Babe and John were married Feb. 2, 1935. They moved to Manhattan Beach, Calif. in 1941 with their children, Jona Lee and Mike. They remained there until retirement, when they moved to Redondo Beach. In 1959 they came to Weldon. They led a happy, family-oriented life and were close to their family, extended family and circle of friends.

Babe was a devoted stay-at-home wife and mother who was always cheerful and interesting. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick mind.

Babe took enormous pride in her family, which consists of her loving children, Jona Lee Huefe and Chris Michael Andrews and his wife JoAnn; grandchildren Edward Huefe III, Valerie Canamar and husband Kevin, Trevor Andrews and Jay Andrews; and great-grandsons Jack and Logan Canamar.

Babe was always a lot of fun and her warm, loving presence will be missed by everyone who knew her.

A memorial service was held at the Weldon Methodist Church on Aug. 31, 2002.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Charles Keith Swain

Charles Keith Swain peacefully passed away Aug. 11, 2002 in Bodfish after an intense three month battle with cancer.

Charles was born Aug. 28, 1950 in Porterville, Calif. and was raised in Bakersfield. He graduated from West High School in 1968 and shortly thereafter joined the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. He spent four years in the military, earning multiple awards including National Defense, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals and also received expert shooter badges.

He resided in Portland, Ore. for 20 years, after military service, where he ran his own construction company. Four years ago he moved to Lake Isabella to be near his family and care for his mother. He worked part time for Urner's as an appliance installer while managing his rental properties.

Everyone who ever met Charles adored him. He was always interesting to talk to and had a knack for making you feel at ease with his wonderful sense of humor and genuinely warm smile. He was first to volunteer his time and equipment to help family and friends. His true loves included fishing, hunting and cooking. He loved taking his drift boat out in the early morning fishing the rivers of Oregon. He must have had at least a dozen tackle boxes filled with his special lures.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Jennifer; mother, Dorothy Anderson; sister and brother-in-law, Lela and Steven Steiber; aunt and uncle Lela and Kenneth Clark; cousin Kenneth Clark Jr.; and niece and nephew Heidi and Steven Steiber.

Visitation for Charles Keith Swain was held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on Aug. 13, 2002. Private graveside services were held Aug. 14, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Alene Green

Alene Green, who lived in Granada Hills, Hemet and San Jose and retired in Bodfish, died July 31, 2002 in Bakersfield. Survivors include mother Alice Sottile of Bodfish; son and daughter Mario and Angelea Harrison of Granada Hills; and sister Deni Green and nephew Michael Green of San Jose. Memorial services were at Granada Hills Baptist Church. Donations can be made to account number 1461558353 at Wells Fargo Bank, 10260 So. DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino, Calif. 95014.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Nadine T. Scoggan

Nadine T. Scoggan, 82, of Weldon, passed away on Aug. 4, 2002.

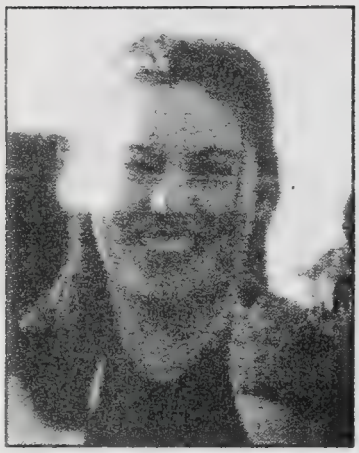
Nadine was born in Urbana, Mo. on Oct. 19, 1919 . She lived in the Kern River Valley for 31 years and was employed as a cook at Nelda's Diner.

Nadine was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Her love of America was surpassed only by her love for her family.

Nadine was married for 40 years to Fred S. Scoggan, Jr., who passed away in 1985. She is survived by her children, Myrtle A. Shott of West Covina and Fred S. Scoggan III of Corning, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 12, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary of Ridgecrest, Calif.



Monica Shannon McRoy

Monica Shannon McRoy of Bakersfield, and formerly of Lake Isabella, was born on April 4, 1982 in Redwood City. She passed away in an auto accident in Bakersfield on Aug. 30, 2002.

Monica was a student at Fredrico's Beauty College in Bakersfield. She was a very outgoing, friendly, loving person who was full of life. She loved red roses and raccoons. She especially loved camping in Boggs Forest. She also enjoyed being with her daughter Kiah and children in general. She loved days in the park with her family. She was a very loving mother, daughter, sister, partner, aunt and friend. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. She's our brown-eyed angel.

Monica is survived by her partner of four years, Justin Hunter; parents Clifton M. and Marsha McRoy of Ripon; daughter Kiah Elizabeth Hunter of Lake Isabella; brothers and sisters Shawna, Christina and Michayla McRoy, all of Ripon; grandparents William and Virginia McRoy of Ripon and Regina Bertolucci of San Francisco. She is predeceased by her grandfather, Louie Bertolucci.

Services were held Sept. 10, 2002 at P.L. Fry and Son Funeral Home in Manteca.

Remembrances may be sent to the Bank of Stockton, Trust Fund for Kiah Elizabeth Hunter, 234 W. Main St., Ripon, CA 95366.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Maitland L. Jones, 88. Memorial service Sept. 19, 2002 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Kernville, Rev. Richard Lewis officiating. Refreshments following. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ambrose Wilson Spencer

Ambrose Wilson Spencer entered life on Dec. 20, 1910 in Newark, N.J. He lived and traveled with his parents, Earl and Margaret Spencer, and later moved to be with his grandparents on the Navajo Indian Reservation while they were fur traders. When Ambrose entered his teen years, he came out west with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show as a cowboy and bull rider. While in the West, he played in silent movies on the big screen, and later worked as a Merchant Marine. During World War II, Ambrose proudly served his country in the United States Navy performing one of his unique skills. As he grew up speaking the Navajo Indian language, he became what was then called a "Wind Talker," using his Navajo language to transmit messages across the country without the risk of it being deciphered by the enemy. After the service, he worked as an electrician for most of his life and did high power lines here and in Alaska, becoming a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He later retired and came to the Kern River Valley, selling down in Kelso Valley and becoming a rancher, as well as operating an antique store in Weldon. He was a life member of the V.F.W., Moose, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, and the Altar Society.

Ambrose touched the lives of many people here, but on Sept. 1, 2002, Ambrose Wilson Spencer passed away. A Rosary was held for Ambrose on Sept. 8, 2002, at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Funeral Mass was held on Sept. 7, 2002 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with Father Patrick Persinger officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Ambrose Spencer Wilson is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children John, Robert, Margie, Jeanette and Jennifer; brothers Paul, John, Charles, William and Harold Spencer; sisters-in-law Betty and Margaret Woods; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mary H. Garcia

Mary H. Garcia, born Aug. 15, 1920, passed away Sept. 10, 2002, surrounded by her loving family in her home. She is survived by her husband, Henry. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Aug. 17, 2002. She is also survived by her three children, Henry Jr., David and Dolores, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was loved dearly and will be missed with even more love.

Care by Rose Hills, Whittier, Calif.

Maitland L. Jones Howes

Maitland L. Jones Howes, 88, of Lake Isabella, passed into the arms of our Lord Jesus on Sept. 5, 2002, after a long illness. She expired at home where she wanted to be with her loved ones.

Maitland was born in Webster, Maine July 17, 1914 to Weston Bernard Jones and Rena Mae Taylor Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Stuart Howes of Sun Valley, Calif.; her brother, Willard M. Jones of Norway, Maine; her sister, Dorothy C. Remillard of Lewiston, Maine; and her nephew, Dana J. Lariviere of Lake Isabella.

Dr. Gary Finstad and the wonderful caring staff at Kern Valley Hospital worked hard to keep Maitie with us for over three years. Maitie never gave up and was looking forward to her 90th birthday.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Jones Lariviere and nephew David K. Lariviere of Lake Isabella. Maitland was a resident of California since 1946.

Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella is in charge of her arrangements.

A memorial service will be held on Sept. 19, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Kernville with Rev. Richard Lewis officiating. Refreshments will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church.

She was loved and will be missed by those who knew her.

Linda Kay Braswell Calvo

Linda Kay passed away Sept. 6, 2002, after a brief battle with cancer, with her family near.

Linda was born April 27, 1949, in Cleveland, Miss. She leaves her father and mother Troy and Pauline Braswell; brother Troy Braswell Jr. and his wife Ruth; son Mathew and his wife Stacey; son Shiloh; and her daughter Tiffani and spouse Paul. The great joy of her life was her grandchildren Ariana, Mikey, Paul Jr., Megan and Ryan. She has joined her brother Edward.

Linda's career was as a barber and a beautician. She worked many years in the Barber Shop in Kernville and beauty shops in Lake Isabella. She loved keeping the family with the best-styled hair in town.

Her life was not an easy life. She suffered from a severe case of polio when she was 2-1/2 years old, and when she was three the doctors at the polio hospital, Ranch Los Amigos, placed her in a body cast until she was 13 years old. Our Linda never gave up. She raised her children, worked, and was a loving daughter, mother and grandmother. She loved sewing for her grandchildren until they were old enough to say, "Thanks, grandma, but it's OK for us to buy our own clothes." She was creative with her talent for making all of our greeting cards for any occasion.

We shall miss your special cards, your love and your laughter.

A memorial service was held Sept. 10, 2002 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Her interment was at the family site in Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, Calif.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Gifts

The gift of love...
you gave us free
Warm smiles...
for all to see.
You placed a memory...
warm and dear
Around each heart...
to soothe each tear.
You have slipped away...
as ocean sands

Bob Powers

Bob Powers was born in "Old" Kernville (the site now lies in the lakebed of Isabella Lake) on June 7, 1924. He was proud to be the fifth generation to live in the Kern River Valley. He passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on Sept. 11, 2002.

Bob was a cowboy, served in the U.S. Navy, and retired from the U.S. Forest Service. His passion for local history inspired him to author nine books, which chronicle the history of a large portion of Kern County.

Bob loved life and lived it to the fullest. Every day was an adventure to him. He loved his Lord, his family, his many friends, cowboying and the Kern River Valley.

Bob leaves his wife of 51 years, Marge; children David and Vickey, Ken and Chris, Bob and Miki, Susie and Bill Williams. He was devoted to his 11 grandchildren—Jackie and husband Scott, Thomas, Daniel, Justin, Brian, Katie, Melissa, Kristen, Matt, Michael and Joseph.

His parents, Marvin and Isabel Powers; two brothers, Marvin and Bill; and a son, Thomas, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tree of Life at Kern Valley Hospital or Family Life Centers Ministries.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella on Sept. 21, 2002 at 2 p.m.

William James "Bill" Pickering

William J. "Bill" Pickering was born on July 19, 1918 in Edgewater, N.J. He was married to Marie G. Pickering on Dec. 21, 1947. He is preceded in death by his only daughter, Virginia Marie. Bill served in the Army for five years and spend most of his working days with Alcoa in Edgewater, N.J. He and Marie moved to Lake Isabella in 1982 to be close to their only grandson. Bill is survived by his wife, Marie; grandson Scott Lyttle and his wife, Courtney, of Bakersfield; granddaughter Cathi Stoy of Bakersfield; granddaughter Vicki Licht and her husband Gary of Huntington Beach; great-grandchildren Brandi and Andrew Stoy and Kristi and Matthew Licht; a great-great-grandson, Joshua Stoy; and nephews Robert Dandorf and wife Eileen of New Jersey and Warren Dandorf of Tennessee.

Martin Everett "Robbie" Robbins

Robbie Robbins was born in Bloomfield Township, Des Moines, Iowa on April 6, 1922 and entered eternal rest at his home in Squirrel Valley on Sept. 12, 2002. He had suffered for many years with heart problems and diabetes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William M. Robbins and S. Elizabeth Tavenner Robbins; and a brother, Lewis W. Robbins. He is survived by his wife, Marceile (Marcie) Robbins; two sons, Gary M. Robbins of Sylmar, Calif. and Tim E. Robbins of Burbank, Calif.; a granddaughter, Cristina R. Robbins of Burbank: sisters Eleanor L. Noe of McMinnville, Ore., and Selma M. Sheets and her husband James of Ottumwa, Iowa; brother Richard R. Robbins and his wife JoAnn of Johnston, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in California and Iowa.

Robbie was raised in Des Moines before entering the U.S. Navy Oct. 8, 1942. He had his boot camp training in Great Lakes, Ill. before being sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

He and his wife made their home in Burbank for many years. In business for himself, M&M Contracting Corporation, in the Los Angeles area as general contractor and cabinet maker, he did many remodels of teller lines for the Bank of America.

Robbie was a man of many talents and hobbies. He loved working with wood, making jewelry from his collection of rocks, hunting, fishing, hiking, and traveling in their motorhome. He retired, because of his heart condition, to Squirrel Valley in 1980.

He was a lifetime member of the Good Sam Club (and was past president of the local chapter, the Kern Valley Rovers), a lifetime member of the National Rifleman's Association, a lifetime member of the local VFW, a charter and lifetime member and past president of the Foothill Gem and Mineral Society of La Canada, and a long standing member of the carpenters union.

Services were held on Sept. 18, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Burbank with Rev. Larry Stamper officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

John Matthews

Memorial services were held Sept. 17, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Matthews, who passed away on Sept. 9, 2002 at the age of 89.

Mr. Matthews was born March 13, 1913 in Lawrence, Mass. and moved to California during the war. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 as a Military Policeman. He then settled in Glendale, Calif. and worked for Northrup.

After retiring, John moved to the Kern River Valley, where he enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his three nieces and their families, Emily and Howard Pomeroy, Patricia and John Fruin and Linus Ingle.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jean Brawley

Jean Brawley passed away Sept. 16, 2002. She was 91 years old. Jean was born to Nora and J.W. Hervey in Joplin, Mo. on May 12, 1911.

She was preceded in death by her dear and loving husband, John L. Brawley, 10 brothers and two sisters.

Jean was a 25-year employee of Pacific Telephone Company, and a member of the Moose Lodge and the Bodfish Beamers.

She is survived by her son, Jim Phillippi; two grandchildren, Lisa Hiemenz of Fallbrook and Lee Phillippi of San Diego; and step-granddaughters Carol Sickafoose and Michelle Young.

Graveside services were held on Sept. 21, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Benny Capdeville

Benny Capdeville was born on May 1, 1925 in Port Hueneme, Calif. The son of Louis and Beatrice Capdeville, he was one of eight children. He passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Sept. 14, 2002. Services were at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Benny was a truck driver, served in the U.S. Marines and retired from federal civil service at Point Mugu in 1977.

The family lived in Camarillo, Calif. for 25 years before moving to the Kern Valley in 1985. Benny was a member of the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Benny is survived by his wife of 51 years, Billie; and children Sally and Bert Keldgord, Jacque and Nate Blue, and Carol and Abby Palmer. His surviving grandchildren are Kathleen and Steven Freeland, Jim and Rebeka Blue, Heather Keldgord, Preston Keldgord and Hannah Palmer. He is also survived by sisters Camilla Terry and Amber Noonan, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His parents, Louis and Beatrice Capdeville; siblings Margaret Birri, Katherine Demok, Viola Capdeville, Louis Capdeville, Henry Capdeville and his grandson, Steven Palmer, preceded him in death.

Benny was the perfect example of a family man. We will all miss Benny's sense of humor, his independence and his courage. We are proud of his fighting spirit, which was shown so clearly against all of his health problems, and look forward to our reunion in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Oma Irene Fitzgerald

Graveside services were held on Sept. 19, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Oma Irene Fitzgerald, who passed away on Sept. 13, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Oma was born to Willie and Roxie Trent on July 16, 1911 in Dexter, Mo. She is survived by her daughter, Anna Marie Carrington; daughter Loretta Jean Donnelly; son William Bryon Reynolds; daughter Linda Espe; sister Imogene Terwilliger; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Oma Irene Fitzgerald was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. Her tenacity and endurance throughout her illness was amazing. The love she had for her family, her strength and her will to live were the key source of her longevity. She will be deeply missed by all of us.

For additional service information please contact Basham Funeral Care of Bakersfield at (661) 873-8200.

"Happy" Jack Watson

Happy Jack Watson was born in Bailey, Texas on Jan. 25, 1931 to Everett and Sally Watson. He entered into eternal rest on Aug. 15, 2002 in Bakersfield at the Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

He is survived by his wife and soul-mate of 18 years, Lorraine "Lorie" Watson of Lake Isabella; sons Gerald Wayne of North Long Beach, Calif., Happy Jack Watson and his wife Sharon of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Gary Lynn Watson and his wife Anita of Downey, Calif.; stepsons Gary Harkey and his wife MariAnn of Lake Isabella, and Chuck Harkey and his wife Teresa of Mesa, Ariz.; stepdaughter Jackie Lynn Harkey of Snowflake, Ariz.; special grandchildren Adam and Amanda Harkey of Lake Isabella; 10 other grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Happy Jack worked for Finn Industries as a machinist manufacturing boxes for 20 years, and lived here in the lake area for 11 years.

He was an avid golfer and pool player and loved to play in pool tournaments. His favorite pastime was camping and fishing with the Harkey family. He was on the lake and river fishing as often as possible.

Happy Jack had many friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Services were held on Aug. 20, 2002 in the Rose Chapel of Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Esther M. Anderson

Esther M. Anderson was born in Quincy, Ill. on May 20, 1933. She passed away in her home in Ridgecrest on Sept. 12, 2002.

Esther had many experiences in her life when only God's grace kept her alive. When she was a girl growing up near Wilsall, Montana, she nearly died from the whooping cough. After a snowstorm trapped her and her mother in their home with little food, her mother had to kill the last chicken to make a broth to keep Esther alive.

Esther was always a hard worker and had to drop out of high school to help support her family. It was a proud moment when in her early forties, she earned her GED and then started taking college classes.

She worked her way up through the ranks in the telephone business. She began as a receptionist, then a service representative, but looking for a challenge and higher pay, she learned the plant side of the telephone business, and retired as a test board-dispatcher-central office worker. Many times she crossed the all-male gender line and proved that women were just as capable as men to work technical telephone positions.

Many people knew her for her musical ability. She primarily played guitar, violin, piano, organ, and accordion, but with her natural ear for music she could learn any instrument, including the banjo, five-string banjo, clarinet, and the saxophone. With many instruments she was self-taught.

In the early 1960s she played with Kern County musicians Chuck and George Laffoon, Emmett Miller, and Lucille and Tom Duke. They had some great jam sessions with Chuck on banjo, George on fiddle, Emmett on mandolin, Lucille on upright bass, and Tom on guitar.

Her main goal, though, was to serve the Lord. Esther was blessed with a wonderful voice, and with Richard accompanying on guitar, they had a musical ministry wherever they lived, from Montana to Oregon, to Alaska, to California. They had a half-hour radio show in Montana, and performed on public television stations in Portland, Oregon, with the Lucky Mason Singers.

More recently, the Andersons attended Full Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa, where many were blessed by their music. The Andersons have provided music at many churches in Ridgecrest, and went wherever they could offer their God-given talents.

In her love for the Lord and desire to help others, she and Rich helped the fledgling Assembly of God in Trona. In one of their last performances earlier this year, the Andersons played at the dedication ceremony for the Trona Assembly of God. Many present have remarked on the beautiful songs and accompaniment.

Esther also loved to provide music for the Inyokern and Ridgecrest Senior Centers, until ill health prevented her from continuing.

Despite her full-time career, she still found time to cook wonderful meals, and holidays were always a special joy for her family. She was a devoted wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Anderson; her son, Allyn Amsk; stepsons Rich, Ed, and Jimmy Anderson; stepdaughter Ruth Eyerly; many stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren; her nephews Kirby, Terry, and Dan Hoagland; and nieces Connie Jones and Jodi Hoagland.

Services were held at Calvary Assembly of God in Ridgecrest on Sept. 17, 2002.

Harry E. Winham

Harry E. Winham was born July 7, 1946 in Mobile, Ala. He passed away Sept. 13, 2002. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

Harry was a retired Navy Sea Bee. During his military service he advanced to Petty Officer 1st Class and was awarded three good conduct medals, an M-16 sharpshooter medal, a Battle E ribbon, a Sea Service Deployment ribbon and a Navy Achievement Medal.

He and his wife,Mary, lived in Gainesville, Texas after his Naval retirement until moving here to Weldon a year and a half ago. He suffered the loss of his wife Mary a year ago in July. Harry is survived by his two sons, Michael of Spokane, Wash. and Tony of Gainesville, Texas; brother Ronald of San Bernardino, Calif.; sister Bernadette Dibben of Utah; and six grandchildren.

He will also be greatly missed by his Aunt Darlene and Uncle Jerry of Weldon; his Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim of Bakersfield; and all who knew him.

Services were held in Spokane on Sept. 18, 2002.

Sydney David Smith

Sydney D. Smith of Wofford Heights, beloved father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle, left this life on Sept. 16, 2002.

Sydney was a citizen of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years. Syd is survived by his four children, David, Mike, Cindy and Jerry Smith; his mother and stepfather Verna and Eugene Clement; and his brother Brian Clement. Syd is also survived by several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

May peace of mind be with you now in your everlasting life beyond. We will all miss you.

Philip Bennett

Philip Bennett was born June 26, 1914 in a small village near London, England and passed away Sept. 13, 2002 at his home in Weldon.

Philip was an electronics engineer. He worked mostly with Motorola, with the last few years at Syscom in Ridgecrest.

He was raised in a log cabin on Lake Muskoka north of Toronto, Canada. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and skiing. He once competed in a cross-country ski race against the Canadian and Finnish ski teams. He came in third, only beaten by two Finns. He was instrumental in the development of the first Canadian radar system. It was actually installed in his attic. He moved to the Chicago area approximately 1951 to work at Motorola. In 1957 the family was transferred to Scottsdale, Ariz. He continued working at Motorola on weapons systems. He would often need to go spend time on naval ships. In 1968 he moved to Ridgecrest to work at Syscom. A few years later he retired and moved to Weldon.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially gardening and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Vera (Pat) Bennett, of Weldon; daughter Marilyn Pike and son-in-law Bobbie of Kerman, Calif.; son Rick Bennett and daughter-in-law Mari of Bend, Ore.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the family home in Weldon at a later date.

Frederick K. Beach

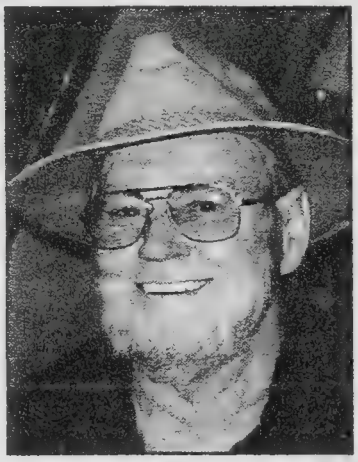
Frederick K. Beach, 79, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed away in Northridge, Calif. on Sept. 20, 2002.

Fred was born on Nov. 13, 1922 in Kansas City, Kan. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp as a teenager. He joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served in the South Pacific during WWII.

Fred and his beloved wife Ann traveled to Europe and took a number of sea cruises. They traveled to all of the 50 states. Forty-eight of them they visited while traveling in their motor home. The last of their journeys took them to Alaska. For the past 11 years, Fred and Ann have made their home in Bodfish.

Fred is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann; their son Fred and his wife, Barbara; daughter Kathareen Stotmore, grandchildren Kimberly Lyons, Leonard Stotmore, Cole Beach and David Beach; and two great-grandchildren, Garrett and Nathan Lyons.

A memorial service was held Sept. 27, 2002. Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



Byron K. Chadwick

Byron K. Chadwick was born in Qulin, Mo. on Oct. 7, 1928 and died Aug. 28, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Willaden Chadwick; daughter Sheila Ramsden of Riverside, Calif.; son Bobby Chadwick of Lake Isabella; son Jimmy Chadwick of Huntington Beach, Calif.; son Mark Chadwick of Los Osos, Calif.; son Timothy Chadwick of Santa Marguerita, Calif.; grandchildren Dana Olague of Riverside, Calif., Ryan Chadwick (who is in the Army in Kuwait), April Ramsden of Calimesa, Calif., Brandi Meeker of Riverside, Brandon Chadwick, Holly Chadwick and Kaylee Chadwick (all of Lake Isabella) and Cody Chadwick of Santa Marguerita; great-grandson Brendon Kyle Chadwick of Lake Isabella; son-in-law Dennis Ramsden of Riverside; daughters-in-law Randi Chadwick of Huntington Beach, Calif.and Karen Chadwick of Lake Isabella; grandsons-in-law Vince Olague and Eric Meeker of Riverside; sisters Cozetta Soper of Watervilete, Mich., Evelyn Tallman of Bakersfield, Maxine Sutherland of Laguna Woods, Calif. and Ina Garner of Long Beach, Calif.; brother Gene Boyt and wife Marie of Visalia, Calif.; and many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

His interment was in the Riverside Veterans Memorial Cemetery Sept. 13, 2002. He was well loved by his family and will be missed by all.

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Obituaries

Norman Clark Eccles passed away on October 6, 2002 at his home in Kernville.

Memorial services will be h eld Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m. at Kernville nited Methodist Church

Norman Clark Eccles

A memorial service was held Oct. 10, 2002 at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Norm Eccles. Officiating was Pastor Dante Tangonan.

Norm was born April 2, 1933 in Fresno, Calif. and passed away Oct. 6, 2002 in Kernville.

Norm served as a cook in the Navy and then went on to work for Southern California Edison for 20 years. He started in 1969 and transferred to the Kern River Valley in 1974. He retired in 1989 and moved to Bakersfield, where he worked for Kern Hydro until he retired again in 1999. At that time he moved back to the Kern River Valley to be close to his friends and family.

Norm was Whiskey Flat Mayor in 1976, known as "Stormin' Norman." He loved camping and barbecuing and the open air on his Harley. He built barbecues for many people around the Valley and was always willing to barbecue for other people having parties.

Norm is survived by his wife, Diana of Kernville; son Michael Eccles of San Francisco; Jay and his wife Malora Marks of Mountain Mesa; daughter and son-in-law Ena and Gary Kaiser; daughter Shelley Johnson of Bakersfield; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister and brother-in-law Millie and Ron Howell.

The family would like to thank the wonderful people at Optimal Hospice who have been there for them.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bobby Ray Clark

Bobby Ray Clark passed away on Oct. 4, 2002.

He was born in Blythesville, Ark. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. After the war, Bobby moved to California where he worked for Lockheed Aircraft. There, he was a flightline mechanic working in the aerospace division in Burbank. After obtaining a high security clearance, he worked in the "Black Projects" division, manufacturing the "Blackbird" and "Stealth" aircraft, among others. After 30 years Bobby retired and moved here to the Kern River Valley. While here, Bobby enjoyed working with guns, fishing, listening to his scanner and just being near the lake and river.

Graveside services were held on Oct. 12, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The VFW Post 7665 officiated. Bobby will be truly missed by his loving family and all of his special friends.

Bobby Ray Clark is survived by his children, Randy, Sandra, Loreice, Michael, Deborah and Steven; grandchildren Matthew, Amanda, Amber, Gabrielle, David, Shawna, Dylan, Aryn, Christopher, Chayanne, Nathan and Jordan; his mother Ladrennia; sister Bonnie; and brother Van Chris.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

In Memory of Gary Abernathy

Dec. 26, 1972–Oct. 18, 2001

If I knew it would be the last time
that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew that it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and a kiss
and call you back for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play it back each day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra moment
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I would be there to share your last day,
I was sure you would have so many more
If only I knew not one would slip away.

I thought we would always have tomorrow,
to make up for a fight
and I could get a second chance
to make everything just right.

But Uncle Gary, I was wrong
the short time I had was all I got
but if you were here I would say I love you
and you will never be forgot!

Love, Ashley Dye

Burt Monroe Ulmer

Burt Ulmer was born June 26, 1956 and passed away Oct. 3, 2002. He was a faithful husband, father and servant for our Lord.

Burt resided in the Kern River Valley for 36 years and was best known as "Burt the Bus Driver." He is survived by his wife, Darlene; son Jereme and his wife Yvone; daughter Sherry; four grandchildren, Danielle, William, Teresa and Christopher; and his brothers Paul and James Ulmer. Burt enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and most of all, motocross riding.

Burt worked for the South Fork Union School District for 28 years as a maintenance/bus driver and had the privilege of driving second-generation students, whom he dearly loved.

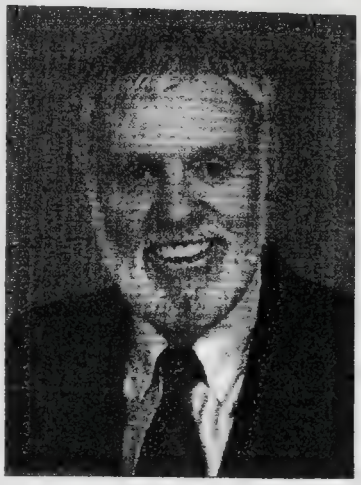
After his motorcycle accident in Sept. 2000, Burt gave up racing and used his bike as a means of exercise and a conversation opener to relate his near-death experience to everyone he met. Burt felt that God had let him come back to let everyone know that they need to get their lives straight and focused on Jesus before they pass on.

His family wants to thank the many residents of the Valley for their support at this very difficult time and the prayers which saved his life on that fateful day in September 2000.

His memorial service was held Oct. 12, 2002 at Weldon Southern Baptist Church.

His happiness, enthusiasm and zest for life infused all who met him. He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. Every time you see a school bus, remember Burt.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Robert Lewis "van" vanBenthuysen

Robert L. "van" vanBenthuysen was born on Nov. 4, 1928 in San Diego, Calif. and passed away in Bakersfield on Sept. 26, 2002.

"van" was very proud to have been a member of the United States Marine Corps. He received three Purple Hearts while serving his country in Korea. He later graduated from college and taught higher math in the Los Angeles area and was awarded a lifetime teaching credential. "van" was a retired licensed Professional Land Surveyor and mentored and instructed many in the art of surveying.

His love of singing led him to become a member of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A and the "Reseda Valleyaires." He was a past president of this chorus and held many other offices as well, including Area Counselor.

"van" and his wife, Carolyn, lived on their sailboat, Pacificaire, for 16 years and were very active members of the Ventura Yacht Club. They were both avid sailors and loved cruising the Channel Islands as well as coastal cruising. In 1992 "van" and Carolyn moved to Lake Isabella and became "landlubbers."

"van" is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; daughter Christine and husband Ralph; son Nels vanBenthuysen and wife Debbie; stepdaughter Susanne Rheinschild and husband Phil; stepdaughter Mary Keltenbach; stepson Jonn Tayler and wife Eroca; stepson Michael Keltenbach and wife Mary Ann; stepson Patrick Kaltenbach and wife Dianne; grandchildren Ed Krusey and wife Hana, Tiffany and K.C. Krusey, Danielle and Kevin vanBenthuysen, Erica, Marie and Corinne Rheinschild, and Bel, Nita, Hannah and Angela Kaltenbach; his fishing buddy, Walt Manwell; and his precious dog, Tar.

A mass will be said by Father Patrick Persinger on Nov. 15, 2002 at 6 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. There will be a burial at sea on Nov. 16, 2002 at 9 a.m. out of Ventura Harbor.

"van," you were loved and you will be missed terribly.

Ralph C. Loy

Ralph Loy was born Aug. 16, 1906 and passed away Sept. 12, 2002.

Ralph was born in Pueblo, Colo. to Arthur and Maggie Loy. Ralph was one of seven brothers and sisters, who all preceded him in death. Ralph moved to Santa Ana, Calif. in the late 1920s on a college scholarship for football at USC. When he arrived he needed a job and applied at Southern California Gas Company. He got the job and worked in Santa Ana, where he met and married his wife of 67-1/2 years, Leone Loy, who preceded him in death.

Ralph and Leone had two sons, Dick and Donnie. Donnie passed away at the age of six.

Ralph received a promotion in 1944 at the Gas Company to be in charge of the motor pool at the main office in Los Angeles. So he moved his family to the San Gabriel Valley.

Ralph and Leone loved camping, hunting and fishing and came to the Kern River Valley for many years before deciding to retire in Wofford Heights in 1973.

Ralph is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dick and Donna Loy of Squirrel Valley, grandchildren Tab and Janet Loy of Riverside, Mike and Julie Hutchens of Bakersfield, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Bernice Terry of Wofford Heights and Esther Reitnour of Carlsbad, Calif., and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A private celebration of life for the immediate family was Pop's wish.

We wish to thank CARE Ambulance, the Sheriff's Department, fire department and Valley Mortuary for help in caring for Ralph. Your support with us will not be forgotten.

We miss you, Pop.

Maurice Doyle Chase

Memorial services will be held on Oct. 26, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Maurice Doyle Chase, who passed away on Oct. 9, 2002 after a long illness. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter.

Morie was born Oct. 14, 1922 in Maxbass, N. D. He was in the Navy during World War II and then went into construction. He was a carpenter for over 55 years. He was a Mason and enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Morie was preceded in death by his daughter Elaine Wever and his brother, Stewart. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wanda Chase of Kernville; son Larry Chase of Dana Point, Calif.; daughter Kathy Bausha of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Howard Chase; sister Paula Belthius; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James Wilbur Hall

James Wilbur Hall was born in Minneapolis, Minn. on Oct. 18, 1923 to Charles and Elizabeth Hall and passed away at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital on Oct. 16, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Eudora Hall of Weldon; daughter Anita Louise Bonbright and her husband, Lee, of Cameron Park, Calif.; brother Gerald Hall of Encinitas, Calif.; sister Myrle Richardson of Redding, Calif.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren of California; and several nieces and nephews of California.

James served his country during World War II with the U.S. Navy.

He and Mary retired in 1983 and came to Weldon from Whittier, Calif. He worked for a few years here with the Forest Service.

His favorite pastime was fishing.

He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operatd funeral home.

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

Thank You

My heart felt thanks to all those who helped make Stormin' Norman Eccles' last months happy and memorable, and made our trip to the coast — Morro Bay — possible.

The business owners, employees and customers of Ewing's on the Kern, the Sportsman Inn, Slater's Pub, The Hideaway and Kathleen's Salon, Optimal Hospice Care and all our personal dear friends and family.

We love you, and may God bless.

Diana Eccles

Billy A. Couch

Billy Couch died Oct. 19, 2002, in Bakersfield after a heroic struggle with a variety of health problems. He lived alone and had only a few distant relatives in Oklahoma.

A graduate geologist and later a fighter pilot from 1953 to 1959, he moved to Bodfish in the late 1980s. He became active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society in 1988. When long-standing curator Bob Merriam retired in 1990, Billy became only the third curator in museum history. He was a member of the search committee that acquired the new museum site in Kernville (formerly a medical building) and was instrumental in setting up the exhibits there. He was a key figure in the museum for five years; a tour leader; a mentor for docents; and he was active in fund raising.

Then Billy dropped from museum work and became active in developing the fish hatchery. He contributed to many of the improvements there. In both of these endeavors he was generous with donations to fund various projects. As it was once said, "He put his money where his mouth is."

Billy worked best when he was "solo," both in his professional and social life. Although he had romantic interests, bachelorhood won out. He was especially good with children; they followed him around the musuem as if he were the Pied Piper, listening to every word.

The Valley is a better place for his efforts. There is little more important than that. No formal memorial service is contemplated, but friends and organizations will pay him due respect in different ways.

Norma Irene Payne

Norma was born on Jan. 28, 1927 in Blytheville, Ark. to Narl and Clara Nunally and entered into eternal life on Oct. 4, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

Norma lived in Lake Isabella for 16 years.

She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Norma made friends easily and loved those she met. Her children looked to her as the best mother anyone could have. Every wonderful thing that could be said about a mother and grandmother would apply to Norma.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, James Payne, and her son, Jimmy.

She is survived by three daughters, Clare and husband Rich Windham of Lake Isabella, Brenda and husband Bryan Boggs of Lake Isabella, and Linda and husband Brian Franklin of Bellflower, Calif.; five grandchildren, Richard Windham of Lake Isabella, Kelly Windham of Lake Isabella, Norma Jones of North Carolina, James Payne of North Carolina, and Kim Barela of Bellflower; two great-grandchildren, Stephen Jones of North Carolina and Destiny McIntosh of Bellflower; brothers and sisters Elsie and Bob Williams, Buddy and Patty Nunally, Sonny and Shirley Nunally, Linda Mims, Ruth and Randall Ludwig, Charles and Delores Nunally and Dale Nunally.

Please remember, if you still have your mom or dad, please talk to them and love them while they are here.

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Oct. 8, 2002, with interment at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated.

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Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

James John Shiffer Sr.

James John Shiffer Sr. was born Oct. 4, 1917 to John and Faustina Shiffer. He went to our Lord Jesus on Oct. 23, 2002.

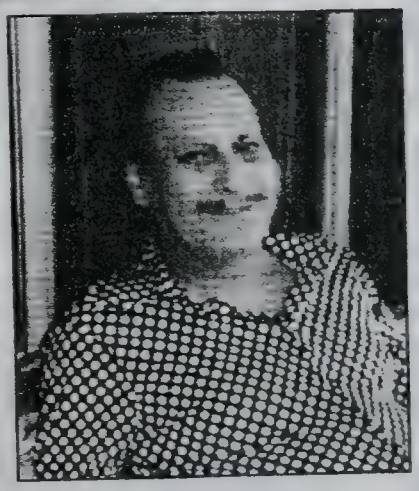
He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Minnie Shiffer of Lake Isabella; daughters Mary Lou and husband Bob Camacho of San Francisco, Doris Carolyn and husband Charles Turner of Bodfish, Barbara Jean and husband Don Mendoza of Pacifica; Shirley Ann and husband Bill Aviles of Mill Valley, and Constance Darlene and husband Bill Stewart of Garden Grove; son James John Shiffer Jr. and wife Linda of Glendale, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, served in the Army during World War II, was a longtime member of the American Legion, and retired from Owens Illinois Glass in Vernon, Calif. in 1980 with over 30 years of employment.

Jim and Minnie moved from Camp Verde, Ariz. to Lake Isabella in 1996.

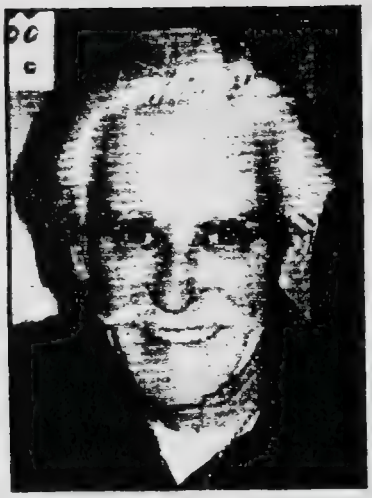
Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Services were conducted by Pastor Bill Lewis at Weldon Southern Baptist Church, Oct. 26, 2002.

Jim is loved and will be missed by all who knew him.



In Loving Memory
of
Mel Jansen
3/12/1930-11/20/2001

It's been 1 year, the pain is no less,
The sorrow of losing you is no less.
Wishing you the joy of eternal life.
Peace my love,
Sharon



Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Robert W. Rieder

Robert W. Rieder, 76, of Weldon, passed away Oct. 14, 2002 at the Mercy Medical Center in Bakersfield after a long illness. He was born in Manchester, Conn. and attended local schools up to the time he could enlist in the U.S. Army Infantry to serve his country. Throughout his life he demonstrated a dedication to everything he came in contact with. He was always there when you needed him. He served in WWII receiving many medals of honor, including the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a dedicated employee, retiring from Rocketdyne Power and Propulsion in California after 37 years of service, only missing several days due to a hospitalization. Bob possessed a love of animals, motorcycles, outdoors and traveling the United States. He leaves his father, Frank Rieder of Manchester; two daughters, Christine Horwath of Weldon and Carleen Rice of Columbia, Conn.; granddaughter Meghann Rice of Storrs, Conn.; brother and sister-in-law Richard and Joann Rieder of Weldon; sister Evelyn Thur of Orlando, Fla. and 13 nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. The family will be mourning his passing and celebrating his life privately.

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

In Memory of Pauline Addison

Pauline's friends and team members at Century 21 Lake Isabella Realty grieve the terrible and untimely loss of our friend. She was so special to us for many years. Pauline was a highly respected proven leader in the valley and the real estate profession. She loved the real estate profession, her team members and her many clients.

More importantly, Pauline had a close relationship with God, was a deeply devoted wife and mother and loved her husband Bob and their beautiful family.

We will greatly miss her wonderful sense of humor, friendship and contribution to each of our lives. There is no doubt that she is with God and leaves a huge void in the hearts and lives of those who had the privilege to know her.

Our prayers are with Bob and the Addison family for their loss of someone so special.

Marie Apalatea Malone

Marie Apalatea Malone was born on her family's ranch on December 23, 1904, and passed away on October 27, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Art, daughters Joyce, Edith, and Clara, and one son Willard. She is survived by two daughters Patsy Henry and Dorothy Denson and four sons, Harvey, Stanley, Loren, and Boyd.

Marie was born on a ranch that is now the townsite of Kernville. In 1923 she married a young cowboy by the name of Art Malone. They both loved children and proceeded to have a litter of 10, although at times, there were many more than that, because the town kids loved to come out to the ranch to play and stay overnight or longer!

Although the past few years she had been in a nursing home in the Kern River Valley and had lost some of her hearing, eyesight, and memory, she nevertheless remained the matriarch of her family. Everyone will miss the little old white-haired lady who roamed the halls of Kern Valley Nursing Home in her wheelchair.

May she find peace, tranquility, and a comfortable and fast wheelchair in Heaven.

The viewing was held on Friday, November 1. Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 2, 2002, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Margie C. Richardson

Mrs. Margie C. "Babe" Richardson, 82, of Lake Isabella, died on Oct. 24, 2002, at Kern Valley Hospital.

Babe was born March 4, 1920 in Columbus, NE to Andrew and Rose Gumm. She married Rex B. Richardson of Long Beach on June 6, 1946.

Babe worked as a welder during World War II at Cal Shipyards in Long Beach, then as a quality control supervisor at Pan-Pacific Fisheries until her retirement in 1981.

After having a vacation home in the kern Valley since 1962, upon her husband's retirement in 1983, they moved to the valley permanently.

She enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and music, and was active in the Eagles.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Rex Richardson, of Lake Isabella; her sister Roene Barta of Boulder, Colorado; her daughter, Billie Jean Barcalata of Newberg, Oregon; four grandchildren, Pat Arasmith of Columbus, NE, Cindy Arasmith of Newberg, Oregon; Terri Segelke of Anaheim, and Stacee Barcalata of Hollywood. She had seven great-grand children and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur Gumm.

There will be no services. She will be interred in Arkansaw Memorial Cemetery in Arkansaw, Wisconsin, at a later date.

In memory from her loving family.

Nancy Joan Moffitt

Joanie was born in Farmersville, Texas to John and Rushia James on March 27, 1933. She entered into eternal life on October 28, 2002, at her son Jerry's home in Lake Isabella.

She was a very upbeat person who loved to entertain, laugh, and enjoy life. One of her greatest joys was to dance and bring enjoyment to others. She was very active in the ministry of her church, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

Joanie was especially proud of her Texas roots. Whenever she would mention Texas, she would place her hand over her heart. She left Texas at the age of nine with her family during the Dust Bowl era. Her trip to California was likened to John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. She was a very interesting person to talk with about the trip.

Graveside services were held in Shafter Cemetery in Shafter, California on Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, with her son, Elder Jerry of the Mt. Mesa Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Joanie will be missed by her many friends, and especially by her family.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Beulah Quiocho

Beulah Quiocho passed away in her sleep on October 31, 2002. She was 80 years old.

Beulah was born on August 22, 1922 in Stockton, California. Her parents were on their way to California by wagon train, and they had to stop the wagon train in Stockton for her birth, so she was indeed, a native Californian.

Beulah was married to Leroy Smith and had three children, Darrel Smith of Lake Isabella, Darlene Quiocho of Lake Isabella, and Dianne Kopenski of Laguna Hills.

After the death of her husband she married Clay Quiocho, and resided in West Covina. On his death she moved to Lake Isabella and resided with her son, Darrell and his wife, Janet.

She is survived by her three children, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

There was a viewing on Monday, November 4 at Valley Mortuary and services and interment at Rose Hills in the Los Angeles area on November 5.

Beulah was a member of St. Jude's church in Wofford Heights. She was a loving mother and fiercely proud of her children and family.

She was a lover of nature and enjoyed watching the birds from her window and enjoying the scenery here in our beautiful mountains. She loved dancing and music and especially singing. She had been known to break out in song if the occasion called for it. We commend her now to heaven and the angels and I'm sure she will take advantage of that situation to sing a song or two.

Delma Lee Barnes

Delma was born on June 15, 1930 in West Virginia to Forest and Edith Haggarty. She passed away on Oct. 23, 2002 at her home in Wofford Heights with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Jack M. Barnes and her stepson Barry Barnes. She is survived by daughters Brenda Radmacher of Van Nuys and Bonnie Barnes-Harper of Wofford Heights; stepson, Jack Barnes of Canton, Ohio; grandchildren Gloria, John, Lisa, Sean, and Christian of California and Tracy, Audra, Jack Jr., Barry Jr., Cherrie, and Mike of Ohio.

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on October 25, 2002 with Hoffmann Chaplain Bert Simpson presiding.

She worked at the Valley Kitchen where she met many of her friends. She and Jack owned the Arcade Saloon and many evenings she worked there. She was a hard worker in all her endeavors.

Delma was very gentle and kind and will be missed by her family and friends. However, her love and fond memories will be in the hearts of her family forever. Her desire was for those she left behind to rejoice and be happy, for she is at peace. She strongly believed we would all be together again and she would be waiting with open arms.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Francis "Frank" Louis Schwartz

Frank was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on April 20, 1915 to Henry and Margaret Schwartz and entered into eternal rest on October 28, 2002, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa.

He married Dorothy Caron on February 13, 1943 in Fall River, Massachusetts. They have enjoyed 59 years of marital bliss. They moved to Lakewood, California and stayed until he retired in 1975, at which time they moved to the Kern River Valley area. Prior to moving here, they would spend vacations at the Rivernook Campground in Kernville.

Frank loved to camp and fish for trout. He also loved his rose garden, where he grew beautiful roses. He was a great one for barbecuing and would enjoy a glass of wine while doing so.

He was a life member of the VFW.

Frank is survived by his wife Dorothy of Weldon; "son" Rod Blankenship of California; daughter, Cynthia Kinney of Washington; brother, Harry Schwartz of Virginia; sister, Emma Foisy of Massachusetts; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Kenneth Archie Taylor

Kenneth Archie Taylor, age 82, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, October 28, 2002. He was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on February 23, 1920, and served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He and his beautiful wife, LaDonna, who preceded him into the Father's arms, moved to California in 1951. They lived in Bishop for approximately 16 years, then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1967. He worked for Southern California Edison for 30 years and had been retired for approximately 20 years. He was a very Godly man with great faith in his Lord Jesus Christ.

A beautiful example of love.

A service was held on Friday, November 1, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Eric Malamma officiating. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, in Princeton, Minnesota.

Kenneth Archie Taylor is survived by three children, Dale Taylor of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Carolyn Brown of Lancaster, California, and Marilyn Truedel of Ukiah, California. He had seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary.

"Suds"

Eddie Edwards

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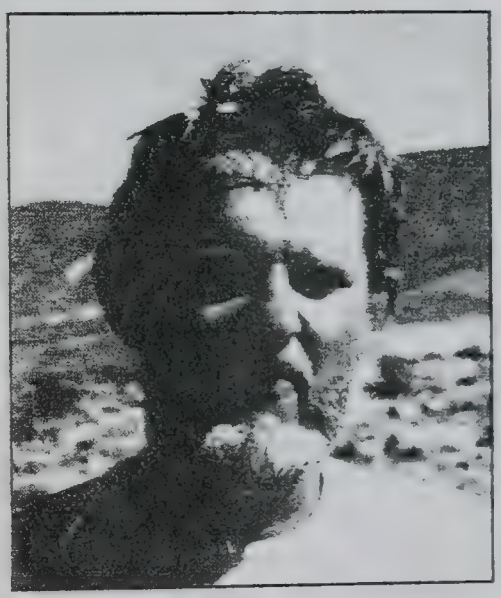


No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. I miss you more every day. Cross my heart.

Jeannie

Marie Hitchcock

Marie Hitchcock was born Aug. 18, 1910 in Cookeville, Tenn. to Zeb and Hilda Kirby.

In 1929 she saw George (Arson as his friends and family knew him) Hitchcock walking down the opposite side of the main street in Hooker, Okla. and said, "I am going to marry that man!" It was love at first sight. They were married on Sept. 5 of that year, and were together until he died on July 2, 1974. In 1941 they moved to California, where Arson worked for Standard Oil in El Segundo and she worked for Hoffman's Television, among other places. During the war she was a welder in the shipyards. They had three children, Clifford, Georgia and Kenny, but also helped raise their nephew, Charlie Hitchcock, for several years and raised one grandchild, Cheri Horgan. In 1967 they moved to the Kern River Valley to retire, and they were very active in the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. They loved to camp and fish. After "Pop" died in 1974 Mattie lived with her children for most of the rest of her life, but that did not mean she wasn't active. She traveled all over the United States, took cruises, and visited relatives everywhere. She ice-skated for the first time at the age of 75!

Mattie finally rejoined Arson on Oct. 25, 2002 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am sure there was a mighty homecoming that night, as she was preceded by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Steve Horgan, two sisters, Alice Hill and Maud Hitchcock, and a brother, Millard Lee Kirby, and numerous cousins she was close to.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Bettie Hitchcock of Wichita Falls, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and CoeAnna Hitchcock of Lake Kickapoo, Texas; daughter Georgia Hayes of Wofford Heights; Charlie Hitchcock of Calabasas, Calif. and his family; grandson Chip Hitchcock and his wife Anita of Wichita Falls, Texas and their daughters Stasia and Carol Jean and their families; granddaughter Linda Bergeron of Mississippi and her children Elana and Kelly Wayne and their children; granddaughter Donna Carlos and her husband Bert of Washington state and her husband Chris and Jennifer and their children; granddaughter Cheri Horgan and her children JJ and Stevie, all of Delaware; granddaughter Crysta and Michael Icone and their family of Washington DC; granddaughter Billie Lofty of Wofford Heights and her children Randi, David and George and their children; granddaughter Julie Chapman of Lake Isabella and her children Chester and Billy Ray; granddaughter Laura Hitchcock of Kentucky and her children; grandson Jim Hitchcock of Florida; grandson Bill Smith and his wife Lupe and their children of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Steve's son Jason Horgan and his family of Orange County, Calif.

Mattie was buried in Cookeville, Tenn., next to her husband, on Oct. 28, 2002.

John Walter Griggs

John Walter Griggs was born to Lovina Angela Rhoads and Charles Bruce Griggs on Oct. 27, 1930 in San Diego, Calif. and passed away Nov. 5, 2002 in Delano, Calif. John's parents preceded him in death.

John made his own way starting at the age of 14. He was a true self-made man. John joined the U.S. Army on his 18th birthday. He went to Germany and built roads and bridges for our men. He was a true American.

John was a union man. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 12 for 38 years and proud of it. He was a workingman.

John came to the Kern River Valley in 1968 to work on the freeway. He thought Bodfish was the perfect place [illegible] spent his last 12 years as a permanent Bodfish Canyon resident.

John was a member of the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and a loyal member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

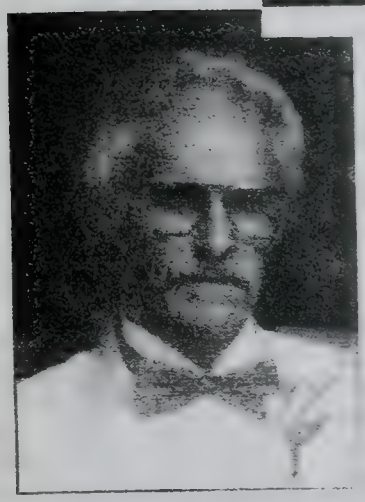
John loved to dance and attended the Senior Dance on Wednesday nights at the Senior Center and spent time with his many friends. He was loved and respected by so many.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sisters Margaret, Mary and Patricia; his brother, Steven; his niece, Cathy; his good friend Mike Mikesell; and his bull terrier, Buster.

John is survived by three brothers, Charles, Bill and Bernard; brother-in-law George; nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved; his daughters, Elizabeth and Dena; grandsons Paul, Brad and Colton; his only granddaughter, Baby Jordan; his friend Lewis; his mother-in-law, Virginia; and many special children and friends who know who they are. At home he leaves his bull terrier Zeus, and his wife and partner, Linda, who loves and misses him very much.

This world has lost a good and honest man.

Private arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Frank D. R. Corcoran

Frank D.R.Corcoran, 65, passed away Oct. 26, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Frank was born in Ivanhoe, Calif. on May 31,1933. Frank was retired from Occidental Petroleum Corp. Frank had served in the Army and Army Reserve and had a Associate's Degree in Physiology and a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Engineering.

Frank was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Rod and Gun Club here in Wofford Heights. Frank is survived by his wife Tammy Corcoran; mother Flora; brother Don; two sisters Betty and Pat; two daughters, Sandy and Kelly Ann; three step-children, Allison, Garrett and Erin; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Frank was a good friend to many and a loving husband to his wife Tammy, and leaves behind many memories to those he called his friend. Frank will be missed by many but not forgotten.

Frank will be laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, date still pending.

Nancy Carol Gaylord

Nancy Carol Gaylord, 49, of Lake Isabella for the past five years, died Oct. 30 after a long illness. She was born Aug. 15, 1953 in Detroit, Mich. but raised in California. She graduated from North High School in Bakersfield. Nancy married and moved to San Angelo, Texas in 1971, where she was a dialysis specialist nurse for 10 years until she became disabled with her back. Nancy moved back to California in 1997.

She is preceded in death by her father, George E. Gaylord. She is survived by two daughters, Aimee Clifton and Becky Grinsteinner of San Angelo; mother Hesta Mae Eacheron of Lake Isabella; two sisters and a brother, Nita McCall and George Gaylord of Lake Isabella and Bev Bottomly of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

Our precious Nancy will be remembered for her never-ending sense of humor, her extravagant love of people and animals and her simple devotion to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Family services were shared on Nov. 7, 2002 in Lake Isabella.

Nelda Jo Baratti

Nelda Jo Baratti passed away Nov. 5, 2002 in Bakersfield.

She was born Nelda Jo McConnell in Texas on Aug. 27, 1927. She came to the Kern River Valley upon retirement 25 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; children Paul, Jenny and Judy and their spouses; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She loved yard sale-ing and was the best friend and neighbor anyone could have. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her

Willie Odell Henderson

Willie Odell Henderson entered into eternal life on Nov. 3, 2002. He was born Aug. 3, 1944 in Alamagordo, N.M. and was raised in Johnsondale when it was a lumber mill. He graduated from Johnsondale High School in 1964. He served in the Marine Corps and was a Vietnam vet. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His life was devoted to his wife and to his grandchildren, who adored him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Cecil Dowell and Royal Joyce Dowell and Delmar Henderson. He is survived by his wife, Terri Henderson of Bakersfield; daughter Patty Frenes and son-in-law Bob Frenes of Lake Isabella; daughter Tammy Heidelberger and son-in-law Steve Heidelberger of Lake Isabella; step-daughter Rhonda Esry and son-in-law Tony; step-son Sonny Miranda and wife Kary; granddaughters Brittany Gettig, Amanda Gettig, Taylor Esry, and Sheldon Esry; grandsons Bryan Frenes and Cole Frenes of Lake Isabella and Westley Heidelberger of Lake Isabella; sisters Cathy, Frankie, Mildred and Penny; and brothers David and Mike Henderson of Oregon. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Fredrick Howard King

Fredrick Howard King, 79, passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Oct. 20, 2002.

Fred was born Sept. 26, 1923 in Alameda, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a WWII veteran. Fred was a Los Angeles City Fireman and retired after 25 years of service.

He came to the Kern River Valley in 1974, moving to Squirrel Valley. His wife was Jacqueline Anita King, and they were married 54 years before she passed away in 1999.

Fred was a ham radio operator and belonged to the Sidewalk CBers (he was known as "Stanley Steamer"). He enjoyed traveling in his RV and loved garage sales.

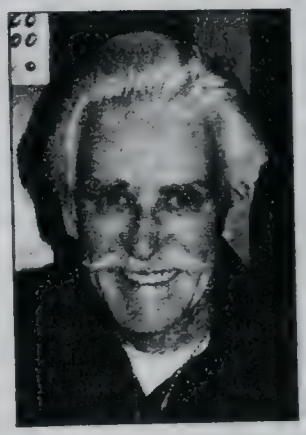
He is survived by his daughter, Gail Kern of Carson City, Nevada; son Glenn King of Suquamish, Wash.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews. His sister, Carol Robbins of Concord, Calif., passed away the same day as Fred, at 76.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002

In Loving Memory of
Robert William Rieder

Nov. 19, 1925 to Oct. 14, 2002



Family and friends please lend me your ear
I'd like to tell you something I think you should hear

It's about my Dad and I thought you should know
Fate brought us together and we never let go

Dad and I met when I was just two
By the time I was three he was my "Bob-A-Lou"

He took me on as one of his own
Helped me through life till I was full grown

He didn't have to, it came from his heart
He just wanted me to have a good start

My life wasn't easy without a mother
They moved me around from one place to another

But no matter where I'd end up to be
Robert stayed close and watched over me

Little Chrissy Kimmy with a frayed family tree

He's been there in good times, he's been there in bad
Trust me when I say he's the World's Best Dad

I know there were times I gave him a scare
I worked really hard to give him white hair

Dad always did the best that he could
Taught me family values, taught me to be good

He'd be there to catch me when I'd have a fall
Pick me back up and say to stand tall

I imagine that this is what God had in mind
When he created fathers as perfect as mine

A man you can count on, a man you can call
Even in those teen years when you knew it all

My birthday, Christmas or even New Year's
The mailbox would hold some fatherly cheer

His love was loyal, steadfast and true
He'd make me smile even when I felt blue

Dad proved to me love is thicker than blood
To be proud of yourself to treat others with love

We needed each other as life rolled along
Now it looks like I'm the one to be strong

The day has come now I never wanted to see
The angels have called, he had to leave me

I sure will miss him and thank God above
For blessing my life with Dad's gracious love

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Wendel William Heirigs

Wendell William "Bud" Heirigs, 81, died Nov. 7, 2002 at his daughter's residence in Ventura, Calif. Also known as "Butch," he was an optician for 35 years, practicing in Long Beach, Ventura and Orange County, Calif. before retiring and relocating to Wofford Heights.

He was born Nov. 25, 1920 in Freeman, S.D. to Wendel Lawrence Heirigs and Nona Edna (Shoen) Heirigs. Wendel graduated from Colome High School and in advanced study, earned optical degrees from Optical College in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles City College.

Wendel served in the U.S. Navy as Chief Special Artificer (Optical), during which time he participated in the Philippine Liberation and earned various medals, before being honorably discharged in 1946. That same year he married Marion Florence Smith. Wendel was a family man who served as Little League coach and Indian Guide Leader for his sons. While he loved watching sports, he also appreciated the beauty of music, particularly waltzes. His hobbies were cooking, canning and wine making, as well as camping and fishing. In addition, he was an accomplished craftsman woodworker. Together with family and friends, he enjoyed picnics at the park, clamming at the beach, barbecues and family reunions. He was also a member of the Los Angeles Optical Association and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Wendel is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marion F. Heirigs; sons and daughters-in-law Mark W. and Carol M. Heirigs, Larry W. and Janet L. Heirigs, Kim W. and Catherine Heirigs, and Phillip L. and Barbara J. Heirigs; and daughter and son-in-law Deborah J. Talmadge and Robert L. Carter.

He is also survived by grandsons Scott L. and wife Tanya Heirigs, James W. Heirigs, Blake R. Hammer, Brian W. Hammer, Jay P. Heirigs, Ryan T. Heirigs; granddaughters Michelle L. and husband Gabriel McVey, Stephanie L. Heirigs, Nichole M. Heirigs, and Amanda J. Carter; as well as great-grandson Brett W. Heirigs and great-granddaughter Lauren C. Heirigs.

Other survivors include sister and brother-in-law Lorraine and Lloyd Nance; brothers and sisters-in-law John and Terry Heirigs, Mark and Nina Heirigs, Charles Heirigs and Robert and Betty Heirigs, as well as eight nephews and nine nieces.

Visitation and recitation of the Rosary were Nov. 13, 2002 at Ted Mayr Loma Vista Chapel in Ventura. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 14, 2002 at Sacred Heart Church in Ventura. Burial followed at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park.

Arrangements under the direction of Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura, Calif. 93003.

Claude Hurley, Jr.

Claude Hurley, Jr. was born in Diaz, Ark. on Dec. 17, 1925 to Claude and Retha Hurley.

Claude passed away on Nov. 12, 2002 in Mt. Mesa with his family and friends by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Retha. He is survived by his wife, Vina; sons Kenneth and Randy Hurley; brother Kenneth G. Hurley; sisters Judy Abrew, Jean Woodard, Mae Dunworth, Sue Burbey and Mary Anway; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Claude was a longtime resident of Vacaville, Calif. before retiring to the Kern River Valley, where he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa with burial at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Juanita Falk

Funeral services were held on Nov. 15, 2002 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Juanita Falk, who passed away on Nov. 9, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Juanita was born Feb. 16, 1922 in Sand Springs, Okla. and moved to California at a young age with her family. She and her husband of 61 years, Dale, met while attending church as teenagers. They fell in love and were married in 1941 in Torrance, Calif. They raised their family there and when Dale retired in 1984 they moved to the Kern River Valley, where they became members of the Family Life Center. Juanita loved to crochet and read. She was a wonderful mother, wife and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Dale; son and daughter-in-law Leon and Gloria Falk; daughter Lorretta Merritt; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Bill Dorr; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Gordon Lee Shay

Gordon Lee Shay entered life on March 9, 1950 in Bakersfield. Raised a people person, Gordon worked for Pacific Telephone as an operator, assisting the public with all their needs. Gordon married and raised a daughter. He was a good son, father and grandfather. Gordon passed away on Nov. 9, 2002. Graveside funeral services were held on Nov. 15, 2002, at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, with Pastor Preston North of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church presiding.

Gordon Lee Shay is survived by his mother, Mary Shay of Lake Isabella; his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Whiteman and her husband Justin of Reno, Nevada; his sister, Susan Gassett of Long Beach, Calif.; and by two grandchildren, Ashley Whiteman and Dustin Whiteman, both of Reno, Nevada.

Gordon will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mattie Hitchcock

Mattie Hitchcock was born Aug. 18, 1910 in Cookeville, Tenn. to Zeb and Hilda Kirby. In 1929 she saw George (Arson as his friends and family knew him) Hitchcock walking down the opposite side of the main street in Hooker, Okla. and said, "I am going to marry that man!" It was love at first sight. They were married on Sept. 5 of that year, and were together until he died on July 2, 1974. In 1941 they moved to California, where Arson worked for Standard Oil in El Segundo and she worked for Hoffman's Television, among other places. During the war she was a welder in the shipyards. They had three children, Clifford, Georgia and Kenny, but also helped raise their nephew, Charlie Hitchcock, for several years and raised one grandchild, Cheri Horgan. In 1967 they moved to the Kern River Valley to retire, and they were very active in the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. They loved to camp and fish. After "Pop" died in 1974 Mattie lived with her children for most of the rest of her life, but that did not mean she wasn't active. She traveled all over the United States, took cruises, and visited relatives everywhere. She ice-skated for the first time at the age of 75!

Mattie finally rejoined Arson on Oct. 25, 2002 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am sure there was a mighty homecoming that night, as she was preceded by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Steve Horgan, two sisters, Alice Hill and Maud Hitchcock, and a brother, Millard Lee Kirby and numerous cousins she was close to.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Bettie Hitchcock of Wichita Falls, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and CoeAnna Hitchcock of Lake Kickapoo, Texas; daughter Georgia Hayes of Wofford Heights; Charlie Hitchcock of Calabasas, Calif. and his family; grandson Chip Hitchcock and his wife Anita of Wichita Falls, Texas and their daughters Stasia and Carol Jean and their families; granddaughter Linda Bergeron of Mississippi and her children Elana and Kelly Wayne and their children; granddaughter Donna Carlos and her husband Ben of Washington state and her husband Chris and Jennifer and their children; granddaughter Cheri Horgan and her children JJ and Stevie, all of Delaware; granddaughter Crysta and Michael Icone and their family of Washington DC; granddaughter Billie Lofty of Wofford Heights and her children Randi, David and George and their children; granddaughter Julie Chapman of Lake Isabella and her children Chester and Billy Ray; granddaughter Laura Hitchcock of Kentucky and her children; grandson Jim Hitchcock of Florida; grandson Bill Smith and his wife Lupe and their children of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Steve's son Jason Horgan and his family of Orange County, Calif.

Mattie was buried in Cookeville, Tenn., next to her husband, on Oct. 28, 2002.

George Ira Strobridge

George was born on April 18, 1920, to Harvey and Florence Strobridge in Benkelman, Neb. He passed away on Nov. 7, 2002 at Emmanuel Convalescent Parkview in Bakersfield after an accident at his home in Wofford Heights.

George was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Thelma; and his oldest son, Rodney, who was killed in Vietnam.

He is survived by a son, Brian, of Colorado, and a daughter, Constance, of Oklahoma; granddaughters Susan and Deborah; five great-grandchildren; brothers Boyd and Donald; sisters Erline Kleinhans, Wilma Turner and Christina Seltzer, all of California.

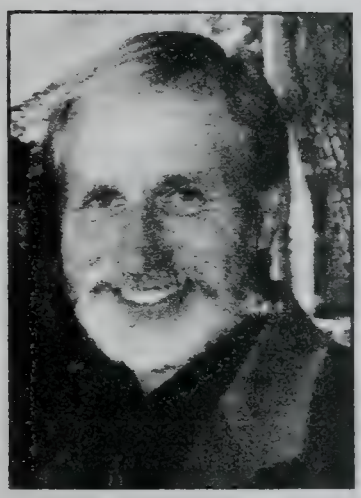
George spent his early years in Colorado Springs, Colo. He served his country with the U.S. Naval Service during WWII. He moved to California in the early 1950s. He lived in Torrance until his retirement and moved to Wofford Heights in 1984 with his wife, Thelma.

George loved all of his family and was faithful to his church, the Family Life Center. He enjoyed going to the Lake Isabella Senior Center on Wednesday evenings for the music and dancing. It was one of the highlights of the week he looked forward to attending.

George will be missed by all who loved him so much.

George's funeral service was graveside at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes, officiated by Pastor Jack Dilley of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



James Russell Gardner

James Russell Gardner passed away on Nov. 6, 2002. He was the son of Dr. J. Russell Gardner and Mrs. Marion Anderson Gardner. He is survived by his wife, Joanie Gardner; his two sisters, Elaine Baugus and Sharon Sims; his three sons, Gregory, Jay and Guy Gardner; and his six grandchildren, Lindsey, Samantha, Russell, Haley, Quinn and Cooper Gardner.

Jim was born in Berkeley, Calif. on Sept. 13, 1934. His father was a Nazarene pastor and college professor. This work took the family to Nampa, Idaho, Alhambra and Pasadena, Calif., and then to Kankakee, Ill. Jim graduated high school at Kankakee High School and attended college at Pasadena College where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. He then attended Cal State Long Beach, where he earned his Master's Degree in Sociology.

He served in the U.S. Army where he worked as an orderly at the Army Hospital in the Psychiatric area. Right after the service, Jim worked at American Airlines. He went on to the American Institute of Family Relations and at the same time continued to take classes for further research and traveling opportunities. He eventually started his own Marriage and Family Counseling practice in his home in Manhattan Beach, Calif. After his marriage to Joanie in 1993 he started as a Marriage and Family Counselor at Desert Council Clinic and also for College Community Service in Lake Isabella. Jim left in June 2002 to develop the foster family agency "Impact Community Youth" in Kernville, which provides homes to high risk youth in foster care. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church and an avid golfer and sports fan.

On Oct. 12, 2001 at Bull Dog Stadium in Fresno, Calif., Jim and Joanie Gardner accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior while attending one of the Rev. Billy Graham's crusades.

Jim has impacted us all and we will miss him dearly, but we're comforted by the promise of salvation in Jesus and the blessed insurance that Jim is now in the presence of the Lord.

Joanie Gardner would like to thank Dr. Pormir, Dr. Dlugos, Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Hospital and the entire ICU staff, Valley Mortuary, Mike Pettit, and Linda Bosworth.

Charles Duane Ewing

Graveside services were held Nov. 19, 2002 at the Kern River Valley cemetery in Wofford Heights for Charles Duane Ewing. Charles was born May 24, 1926 in Ft. Collins, Colo. and passed away after a short illness on Nov. 15, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

He moved to California in 1941 to the Bakersfield area. He was president of the Fred Nelson Equipment Rental business for 30 years. Charles was a ham radio operator (KB6MOK) and an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Norma Ewing; sons Michael and Dale Ewing; daughters Cherrie Berry and Karen Nelson; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Buddy Richard McDaniel

Buddy Richard McDaniel was born June 20, 1927 in Okemah, Okla. and passed away Nov. 16, 2002.

Bud served in the United States Air Force, beginning just after the Korean Conflict. He served during the Vietnam War and retired from the service in 1975. During his time in the military, he received many medals including the Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Clusters and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In retirement, Bud chose to pursue another career, beginning work with the Varda Alarm Company in Bakersfield. Bud was a member of the Rod and Gun Club in Wofford Heights.

Bud was preceded in death by his father, George McDaniel, and his brother, Gerald McDaniel. He is survived by his wife, Barbara McDaniel; mother Pearl McDaniel; daughters Robin Christian of Frankston, Texas, Patti Redding of Nevada, and Melissa Williams; sisters Betty Queen, Lillian Owens and Velma Boman of Bakersfield, Louise and Lee Aamold of Pearl River, N.Y., Sue and Ronald Arvizu of Delano, and Wilma Chase of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother Bobby McDaniel of Huntsville, Ark.; sister-in-law Carmen McDaniel of Lake Dallas, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Bud was "Grandpa" to many. He was well liked and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, with James Clawson and Ron Arvizu officiating.

Services entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Death notice

Kim Anderson of Lake Isabella passed away Nov. 17, 2002 in Booneville, Mo. Services are pending. Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ella Jane Hixon

Ella Jane Hixon was born to Ruben and Sophia Elmore on Jan. 23, 1921 in Ida, Okla. She went to be with her Lord on Nov. 12, 2002.

Ella was a very open-hearted person. She raised her son and daughter as well as her brothers and some of her nephews and nieces. Ella was also a good seamstress and loved to sew, knit and crochet. She was a great mother.

Ella is survived by her son, Jack Hixon of Onyx; her daughter, Jane Hixon of Lake Isabella; a brother, Paul D. Elmore; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Nov. 18, 2002. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

"Smile Around The Tears"

Death seems to steal our loved ones away
While, "let us have them a little longer" we pray
But to the one who goes, death sets them free
I don't know about you, but I do know about me
It is better to rejoice when loved ones die
It is at birth that we are supposed to cry
This is stated in God's word so very clear
But this truth of God, humans don't want to hear
They rejoice at birth, while they cry at death
However, the tears are for the ones who are left
Yes, how did we get ourselves so turned around
That we fear and sorrow, to be set in the ground
For dust we were, and to dust we must return
Will it take forever, for the human race to return
That God has reasons for all that He does
The way it is, is still the way it was
His way is above our ways, we can read
If in God's Holy Word we will faithfully feed
We want to go to wonderful, we earnestly say
But the way we act about death, it's not that way
Heaven sounds wonderful and we want to go there
It is how we must go, that gives us a scare
So the next time I lose a loved one, I can but try
To rejoice, and around the smile, I know I'll cry
I'll try to smile knowing that now they're free
Yes! I will try to smile around the tears you'll see

— By Jane Hixon, based on Ecclesiastes 7:2-3

Walt Bown

Walt Bown passed away on Oct. 29, 2002. He was 87 years old, and had resided in Bodfish since 1971. He owned and operated a fabric store in Lake Isabella with his wife, Georgia, until 1977. Walt is survived by a daughter, Kathleen; two sons, James and Charles; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; innumerable friends, and his companion of 13 years— Fergy the feline. He will be especially missed by his friends at the Senior Center, with whom he lunched daily for the past several years. His family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the close friends and neighbors who assisted Walt through the past several years. At his request there will be a private memorial for immediate family only. The family requests all memorials be donated to the Lake Isabella Senior Center.

Maynard "Babe" Brandon Olson

Babe Olson was born Jan. 1, 1919, in Webster City, Iowa, to Thomas and Gladys Olson. Babe entered into rest on Nov. 22, 2002 at his home in Weldon.

He joins his wife Violet and daughter Joan, who preceded him in death.

Babe lived in the Kern Valley-Weldon area for the past 30 years, enjoying many of the activities he dearly loved, sharing them with his children and grandchildren. Camping on the Kern River and jazz festivals were his favorites.

Babe was known for his wonderful woodworking projects that he made and gave to his family and friends. The Senior Center, Happy Hookers and local eateries have a number of Babe's special towel and condiment holders.

Services were held on Nov. 29, 2002 in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Pastor (and friend of the family) Jack Dilley officiated.

Babe will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Private inurnment was held with interment at the Kern River Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Babe is survived by his son David Olson and his wife Faith; grandson Todd Olson; great-granddaughter Carli Olson; grandson Ted and his wife, Tisha; granddaughter Laura Etheridge; granddaughter Debbie Etheridge; great-grandchildren Nodia and Zackery; and son-in-law Bud Etheridge.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

William J. "Buck" Barlow

William J. "Buck" Barlow entered life on May 11, 1920, in Van Zandt County, Texas, and passed away on Nov. 23, 2002 in Lake Isabella. Buck is survived by his wife, Eleanor A. Barlow; son Stephen W. Barlow; daughter Sherra Lee Reedy; son Paul Bruce Barlow; son David Alan Barlow; son Thomas Lynn Barlow; son Robert Warren Barlow; son Jonathan Daniel Barlow; stepson L. Scott McClure; and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, Buck is survived by his hunting and fishing friends.

Services entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Leonard Harold Radford

Leonard Harold Radford was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Willow Springs, Mo., to Earl and Eva Radford. He passed away on Nov. 27, 2002 in Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., as the result of his third bout with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn, of Mesa, Ariz.; daughter Joyce Francis, also of Mesa; and brother Leo C. Radford of Salem, Ore.

Leonard arrived in the Los Angeles area with his parents about 1927. He graduated from Inglewood High School, then attended Frank Wiggins Trade School where he studied sheet metal. He later worked for Douglas Aircraft, where he met his bride-to-be, Evelyn Trotter. They were married on Feb. 12, 1943.

He served in the U.S. Navy 96th Construction Battalion, the Sea Bees, from November 1944 through February 1946 in the Asian Theater.

Leonard and Evelyn made their home in Torrance, Calif., and built a commercial egg ranch business. They bought their first property in Lake Isabella in 1956, gradually built their new home, and moved here in July, 1965. They later built and lived in two different homes in Bodfish Oaks. Leonard was especially well known around L&M Lumber, where he worked for more than 30 years. He was a proud life member of the V.F.W. Post 7665 of Lake Isabella.

They loved "their" Kern River Valley, but felt the need to move closer to Joyce and her husband, Dick, in Arizona, for health reasons.

Inurnment will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix, with military honors.

Geneva Edna Snyder

Funeral services for Geneva Edna Snyder were held at Greenhills Mortuary Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. on Nov. 30, 2002.

Geneva Edna Snyder was born on Jan. 27, 1905 in Marion, Ill. and she passed away on Nov. 23, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Snyder, and her son, Jack Snyder. She is survived by daughter Shirley Snyder; daughter and son-in-law Pat and Dick Attridge; daughter-in-law Barbara Snyder; brother and sister-in-law Bayliss and Faye Murphy; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Geneva enjoyed gambling, bingo, and going to Las Vegas, where she would play the slot machines. She raised her family in Lomita, Calif. In 1988, she moved to Lake Isabella where she lived with her daughter, Shirley. She was observant of people, their eyes and the way they smiled. She was very kind and gentle. She loved her family very much and she was very proud of her family. She was loved by all who knew her and she will be deeply missed. For additional information, please contact Basham Funeral Care (3312 Niles Street) at (661) 873-8200.

Glenn Ray Bolyard

Glenn was born March 1, 1913 in Tustin, Calif. to Guy Holland and Daisie Cree Bolyard. He entered into eternal rest on Dec. 4, 2002 in Lake Isabella and was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Hazel, and his brother, Melvyn Bolyard.

He is survived by daughter Susan Davenport and her husband Bruce of Wharton, Texas; son Ron Bolyard of Onyx; grandson Greg Grimes and wife Alicia of Houston, Texas; sister Lorraine Valdez and husband Ralph of Las Vegas, Nevada; and his dog, Heidi.

Glenn married Hazel Gladys Kidd in Compton, Calif. on Dec. 22, 1936 and then moved to Shafter, Calif. where he worked in the "oil patch," as he lovingly called the oil fields, as a welder for Superior Oil Company. He worked for the oil company in New Zealand in 1941. He moved to Oildale in 1944 and retired to Onyx in 1976. There he was a rancher and farmer until his complete retirement in 1998.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services were entrusted

Virgil A. Mosman

Services were held Nov. 22, 2002, at St. Jude Church in Wofford Heights for Virgil A. Mosman. He was born Jan. 7, 1915 and passed away Nov. 18, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie; son Bill of Trona; daughter Sandy of Bakersfield; brother Webb of Lake Isabella; three grandsons, James, Gary and Steve; granddaughter Kristin; and six great-grandchildren.

Virgil moved his family from Carroll, Iowa to Trona, Calif. in 1948 when he was employed as a painter at the chemical processing plant for nearly 30 years. Since his retirement in 1977, he and wife Bonnie have resided in Lake Isabella.

George Edward Kanyuck

George Edward Kanyuck, 79, of San Marcos, passed away Dec. 4, 2002. He previously lived in Weldon for 20 years.

George was born on Jan. 30, 1923 in Nanticoke, PA. He served in the Army Air Corps, then the U.S. Air Force for 10 years. He was a Sergeant Major, serving in World War II and Korea. He came to California and worked on experimental aircraft for Northrup and worked as a civilian at Edwards Air Force Base. He was an inspector for Northrup Corp. for 20 years.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Kanyuck, in 1996. He is survived by son George Kanyuck, Jr. and son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Wanda Kanyuck, all of Vista, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Gerald Bullard of Oceanside, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law Anne and John Pawlik of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Interment followed.

Mortuary services provided by Allen Brothers Mortuary, Vista, Calif.

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

Mary J. Maher

Mary J. Maher, our beloved Mother and Nana, died on Nov. 24, 2002. Mary was a resident at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital. Mary was born in Grapevine, Texas, on Feb. 1, 1911, second oldest of six children. After leaving the farm as a teenager, she found work in Ft. Worth, Texas. She was married there in 1926 and then moved to El Paso, Texas. She was married there in 1926 and then moved to El Paso, Texas. Mary and her five children came to Los Angeles in 1939. She started work at Plumb Tool Co. (later Proto Tool). She divorced in 1944 and continued working there during the '40s and '50s. After remarriage and retirement, she moved to Squirrel Valley and had a home built on Seclusion Road. Mary was a longtime resident of Squirrel Valley. She became an avid gardener, growing beautiful flowers in her yard that attracted many viewers. She was a wonderful cook, as well as being noted for her skills in crafts. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club and supported the Kern County Sheriff's Association with her donations. Mary devoted her life to being a loving and giving wife, mother and grandmother. She touched a multitude of people. To know Mary was to love her. Her family celebrates her life.

Mary is survived by one sister, Georgie Garber of Little Rock, Ark.; five children— Gene Brazzil and wife Gen of Jackson, Calif., Betty Jo Davidson and husband Dave of Diamond Springs, Calif., George Brazzil and wife Linda of Little Rock, Ark., Mary Ellen Hollands of Newport, Ore., and Kathryn Perry and her husband Perry of Yakima, Wash. Mary's husband, Lawrence Leo Maher, preceded her in death in 1994.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Services entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gertrude Louise Harmon Pinney

Gertrude Louise Harmon Pinney passed away Nov. 29, 2002. She was born in 1921 in Newell, W. Va. to Victor and Mary Harmon and spent the first part of her life there. In 1938 she married Grant Pinney. The marriage lasted until Grant's death some 61 years later. Gertrude had five children—Grant Robert, John Scott, Dianna Louise, Pamala Kim and Kathlean Ann. John Scott was killed in action in Vietnam.

Gertrude was employed at various jobs during her life but always felt that her most important position was wife to Grant and mother to her children. When her husband went to college after World War II, Gertrude put so much effort into his college work that when he graduated, she was given a "PHT" degree—putting hubby through.

Gertrude and her husband and children left West Virginia in 1948 and traveled to Tempe, Ariz., where Grant went to college. The family then went to Seligman, Ariz. and then on to Avondale, Ariz. where Grant taught school. In 1953 the family moved to China Lake, where Grant and Gertrude worked as the ultimate couple for many years before they retired from the schools and moved to Lake Isabella.

In the years after Grant's retirement, Gertrude and Grant formed a consulting firm and represented many of the Native American reservations in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho in their fight to keep federal funds for education coming to the tribes.

Probably one of Gertrude's favorite jobs was when she worked with the special education students in Ridgecrest and China Lake. The special ed students became part of her extended family until she retired from working.

Gertrude was, in the eyes of those who knew her, the perfect wife and mother. All of her love and all of her time were given to those in her family, but she always made time to love and nurture those in need, whether they were family or not.

Gertrude is survived by her living children Robert, Diana, Pam and Cathy as well as her sisters Sue Knepper of Anaheim and Virginia Bundy of Bodfish; a brother, Jerry Harmon of Lake Isabella; and a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gertrude was extremely active as president of the Democrat Club and was very active in her church at the Highland Chapel. She was named the Woman of the Year by the Democrat Club.

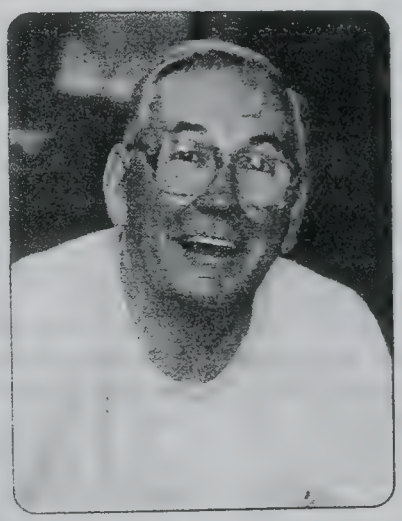
There are no words to express the feelings of those who knew and loved Gertrude. She was a woman whose life was made up of giving and caring and it would be impossible to try and say how very much she will be missed.

Services were held Dec. 5, 2002 at Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella. Burial was in Ridgecrest.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Remembering...

John Van Rensselaer



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Cathy Van Rensselaer

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

Sheila Jane Robinson

Services were held at Mt. View Baptist Church in Lake Isabella Dec. 12, 2002 for Sheila Jane Robinson, who passed away Dec. 7, 2002. Sheila was born Jan. 26, 1938 in Seattle, Wash.

We have lost a treasure from our valley. Her smile, her sunshine, her love of children will be sorely missed.

Sheila was the type of person who, even if she has gone home to our Lord, will always be here. Her presence will always be felt as long as those of us who knew her are alive to tell the story about the lady with the smiling face and charm enough to talk you out of your shoes, if it meant helping others.

No words could ever tell the story but I am sure of one thing, God has already put her in charge of one of his special projects here on earth.

So if you think you saw that electric wheelchair buzzing down Lake Isabella Blvd., you aren't crazy— she is just simply a new kind of angel.

Good night, Sheila. I can't kiss your cheek good night, but I will always be blessed because you were in my life.

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Agnes R. Weldon

Memorial services for Agnes R. Weldon were performed by Tom Rex on Nov. 30, 2002 at the Weldon Family Cemetery.

Agnes Weldon was surrounded by her family's love and care when she passed away at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield on Nov. 23, 2002. Agnes was the second oldest of 13 children. She was born Agnes Rosalia Denes on Nov. 13, 1921 in Elyria, Ohio. Agnes came to the Kern River Valley in 1950. She and her sister Elizabeth ran a small cafe called the Rodeo Cafe in Bodfish. It was there she met her husband, Henry Weldon. As a couple they settled in Kelso Valley where they raised cattle on the Weldon Ranch. Over the years Agnes and Henry had six children— Judy, Trent, Corine, Martin, Rebecca and Bryan. Agnes' brother, Frank Denes, remembers their coming to the Valley, Agnes meeting Henry ("the love of her life") and the happy full life that followed. Agnes lived a good life on the ranch surrounded by beautiful tree-covered mountains and the open valley. Agnes was preceded in death by her husband Henry and sons Trent and Martin. Agnes had nine grandchildren— David and Lora Weldon, J'Nel, Raymond, Jacob and Robin DeuPree, Chandra, Elizabeth and Hanna Weldon-Reed. She also had three great-grandchildren, Dylan Lopez, Tyler and Matthew Weldon. Agnes was remembered lovingly by a large number of friends and family. All in attendance were in agreement that Agnes was a loving mom, a kind and generous woman, a true matriarch to family and friends. She was loved and will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known her. Thank you to all who attended the services. A special thank-you to Agnes' brother Frank and her sister Liz for traveling so far to be by her side.

Jack G. Wetzel

Jack G. Wetzel was born in Leslie, Mich. on Aug. 14, 1916, to John and Myrtle Wetzel. He met and married Nina Ruth St. John in 1938. Jack served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received the Silver Star, Purple Heart, three bronze battle stars and many other honors. Following the war he and Nina moved to California where Jack worked in the aerospace industry. He retired from TRW in 1979, and they moved to Wofford Heights where they had a weekend getaway home.

Jack belonged to the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. He loved to golf and was an avid baseball fan. His beloved wife Nina Ruth preceded him in death in 1987. He was also preceded by one son, Douglas Wetzel, and one brother, Don Wetzel. In later life Jack developed a friendship with Amelia (Millie) Clark and the two of them traveled the northwest U.S., British Columbia and Alaska together.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Dec. 13, with Bob Costa officiating. Interment services followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with the Lake Isabella VFW Post 7665 in charge. Jack is survived by two sons, Don and wife Ricki of Alta Loma, Calif. and Dennis and wife Lynn of Bodfish; daughter Denise Butler and husband Ed of Lake Isabella; foster son Doug Oudin of Catalina, Calif.; two sisters, Unabel Pawson of Parma, Mich. and Dorthy Whipple of Tampa Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and by his very special friend Millie Clark of Canoga Park, Calif. Jack will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday, December 25, 2002

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham entered life on May 5, 1921 in Texas. Raised by his parents Joseph and Mary, Rex was brought up with a strong sense of family and devotion to the Lord. In his life, during World War II, Rex proudly served his nation in the United States military. Rex worked as a Regional Sales Manager for Baker, Bishop and King. He was fortunate enough to have found and married the love of his life, Gladys, and to have been blessed with a family together with his loving wife. Rex enjoyed golfing and fishing in Lake Isabella. He and Gladys traveled quite a little bit until Gladys fell ill. Rex was also an avid gardener. James Rex Cunningham passed away on Dec. 11, 2002 in Yucca Valley, Calif. Graveside funeral services were held on Dec. 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated. Rex will be missed by all of his loving family and special friends and by all those whose lives he touched.

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham is survived by his son, Curtis Cunningham and his wife Bonnie; granddaughter Kelly Smith and her husband Chris of Bloomington, Calif.; grandson Craig Cunningham of San Clemente, Calif.; great-grandson Cameron Smith; and by other special family and friends. Services entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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